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## 4 die in triple suicide-bombing

### PM after J'lem attack: We can't continue this way

By STEVE RODAN, ELLI WOHLGELER, MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, and news agencies

In what security officials described as the most ambitious terror attack in years, three suspected Islamic terrorists, standing on both sides of Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, blew themselves up yesterday afternoon, killing four people and wounding 192.

One of the victims was identified as Yael Botwin, 14, a ninth grader at the Oznayot religious high school of the arts. The others have been identified as a 20-year-old man, a 15-year-old girl, and another young girl.

Security officials said the attack appeared to be the work of the same organization that carried out the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda bombing,

secure environment in the region. "It is clear that the perpetrators of this attack intended to kill both innocent people and the peace process itself," he said. "They must not be allowed to succeed. Everything possible must be done to stop them. The

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peace process can only move forward in a secure environment." Calling the bombing "an outrageous and inhuman act," Clinton said that his "thoughts and prayers

### Ben-Yehuda

## BOMBING

which killed 15 people. They said yesterday's attack could have been far bloodier had the suicide bombers not detonated relatively small bombs, and had not arrived during the hottest part of the day when the area was less crowded.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, after visiting wounded victims at Shaare Zedek Hospital, said that "the citizens of Israel will not be guinea pigs to test Yasser Arafat's goodwill or credibility. I am not ready to continue this way. We will go a different route. We will fundamentally reassess the entire process."

Netanyahu stressed that Israel "cannot continue with the diplomatic process as is. Despite our outrage, we will weigh our next moves coolly and we will review our approach to the entire negotiating process."

He argued that "we had given Arafat and the Palestinian Authority a chance and they had failed abysmally. The time has come for us to draw the proper conclusions."

After visiting the wounded, Netanyahu convened an emergency security cabinet meeting attended by General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, to assess the situation and decide what steps to take.

Shortly after, Mordechai told Channel 1 that Israel had canceled a planned meeting for last night between Israeli and Palestinian security officials and the CIA.

"There is no point in talking, now is the time to act," said Mordechai. US President Bill Clinton, speaking at a hastily arranged news conference on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, where he is vacationing, called on the PA to work on its own and with the Israelis to create a

are with the victims and their families, and all the people of Israel." Despite the attack, he said, he is sending Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the region next week as scheduled.

"I think it's all the more important for Secretary Albright to go. I think it's important that she go on and go right out there and we keep pushing this thing," he added.

An hour after the bombing, Mordechai ordered a closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

PA officials condemned the bombing, saying they would act to capture those responsible for the attack. Arafat summoned his cabinet and security officials, and Palestinian officials said they expect widespread arrests of Islamic militants.

Hours later, Hamas sources reported that two senior members of the organization were taken into custody by PA security forces. One was identified as Jabal Mansour of Nabulis, and the other as Mahmud Musalah of Ramallah.

Arafat said last night that Israel had grounded his helicopter, effectively confining him to the Gaza Strip.

"I was informed by the Israelis that my helicopter can't leave," he told CBS News. "I can't leave Gaza for the cabinet meeting in Ramallah. Do you believe it?"

Arafat had been due to fly to Ramallah this morning to attend a cabinet meeting later tonight.

His helicopter flights are coordinated with Israeli security and aviation authorities under interim peace deals signed since 1993.

It was the second time Arafat's helicopter had been grounded. The first time was last September, when Palestinians rioted following the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit.

Conflicting reports yesterday said anonymous callers had phoned news agencies claiming Hamas had claimed responsibility for the attack.

One caller demanded the release of Palestinian security prisoners - specifically Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid - by 9 p.m. on



A policewoman helps a blast-shocked woman from Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall following yesterday's triple-suicide bombing. (Byron McBarney)

September 14, saying that other more terror attacks would take place. A report in Wednesday's *Chicago Tribune* had quoted former Hamas leader Irad Falouji, PA Minister of Communications and a member of the PA cabinet, as saying that other suicide bombings will occur in Israel.

"Another explosion will happen of course," he said. "Palestinians have patience, but if this starvation continues, watch for the revolution. If the Palestinians feel they are losing their dignity, if they feel Israel is playing with them, it will be very difficult to hold them back."

Falouji, who considers himself a bridge between the PA and Hamas, reportedly blamed Netanyahu for the stalemate, because of what he called the "hard-line Israeli government policies."

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, who is visiting Moscow, said that "Arafat is the inspiration and orchestrator of all these terrorist actions. The peace process will not continue in the same pattern as it has taken place up until now, that's for sure. There will be changes and we will announce the changes later." He added that he was cutting short his visit to Moscow to return home.

The attack took place at 3:09 p.m., along the upper portion of the pedestrian mall. Two of the attackers - all of whom were dressed in wigs in an effort to blend in with the crowd - detonated their bombs in quick succession. About 10 seconds later, the third bomber set off his explosives.

The suicide bombers, in their twenties, carried a relatively small amount of explosives mixed with metal, screws and bolts.

Security officials said they could not immediately identify the bombers, and compared the attack to that of the Mahaneh Yehuda outrage five weeks ago.

"The same method was used at Mahaneh Yehuda," Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said. "The damage here was less." Kahalani said he did not regret having eased the closure earlier this week. He stressed that Palestinians have easily crossed into Israel from

the West Bank despite the IDF measures.

Officials appeared frustrated by the bombings, which took place within sight of police patrols on Ben-Yehuda and adjacent streets.

Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said deploying more police-

men is not the way to stop terrorist bombings. "I can stop shootings, but not suicide bombers," Hefetz said. "Taking care of the terrorist infrastructure is the key." Sarah Honig contributed to this report.

### ANALYSIS

### Pattern of escalating terror

By MARK A. HELLER

Yesterday's bombing was the third such attack inside Israel in less than a year. In statistical terms, this is too small a sample to justify generalizations. Nevertheless, something of a pattern seems to be emerging, and it includes the following elements:

The terrorists are becoming more sophisticated. The bomb in the Apropo cafe in Tel Aviv last March was placed by a lone terrorist, who may not have even intended to blow himself up. Mahaneh Yehuda was attacked by two suicide bombers, who set off their charges almost simultaneously. Yesterday's attack involved three suicide bombers, who maintained a line-of-sight and apparently communicated with each other through signals.

This is qualitative escalation, and it is made possible not only by the terrorists' own audacity, but also by an effective local support system for planning and logistics, regardless of where the bombers themselves actually came from. This means that one of Oslo's basic assumptions - that the Palestinian Authority would counter Palestinian terrorism more effectively than Israel could when it was in control of the territories - is not operative.

Indeed, Yasser Arafat, by announcing after the bombing that the PA would now resume security cooperation, implicitly admitted that it had done so previously.

This government's counter-terror strategy is no more effective than the previous one's. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared immediately after the bombing that he would consult with his colleagues and security advisers and elaborate a response that will change the fundamental basis of the Israeli-Palestinian

relationship. But his essential promise to voters who were disillusioned with the last government's response to terrorism was that he already had a better alternative. If that was the case, why is it necessary to start consulting only now, 15 months and three bombings after the election? And if it wasn't the case, then Netanyahu needs to make up for lost time and quickly explain how a "secure peace" is to be achieved.

No purpose is served by dwelling on the past, but a modest acknowledgement that Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres were not entirely to blame for past bombings might be in order.

This bombing, like the last one, comes shortly before the scheduled visit of a senior American official hoping to revitalize the peace process. If this is anything more than sheer coincidence, it means that the imminent arrival of American peacemakers is an incentive for Palestinian rejectionists to blow Israelis up in the hope that an act of terrorism will derail efforts to get negotiations back on track.

And that is precisely why Secretary of State Madeleine Albright should carry out this particular visit as planned. But given the mood in the country now, there is even less likelihood than before that she will be able to discuss anything except security with her Israeli hosts. And that means that the chances of any significant movement on political matters have been reduced from slim to almost none.

If no one is able to sever the apparent link between American travel to the region and the incidence of terrorism, it might be better to pursue future mediation efforts in Washington.

### Elton John to sing at Diana's funeral

LONDON (Reuters) - Elton John will sing at Princess Diana's funeral tomorrow, but the royal family will not play an active part in the proceedings at London's Westminster Abbey.

Buckingham Palace officials yesterday released details of a day of ceremony and mourning involving royalty and commoners, which they said broke with precedent to honor the princess.

Elton John will sing a rewritten version of "Candle in the Wind," his 1970s tribute to Marilyn Monroe and a young life snuffed out in its prime. Instead of "Good-bye Norma

Jean," Elton will sing new words by his regular lyricist Bernie Taupin: "Good-bye England's rose, may

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you ever grow in our hearts/You were the grace that placed itself where lives were torn apart."

Diana had comforted John at the funeral of fashion king Gianni Versace in July at Milan's cathedral.

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Ben-Yehuda BOMBING

Grim Israel awaits Albright PA arrests 2 Hamas men

By SARAH HONIG

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will visit the region as scheduled, despite yesterday's attack. She will, however, face a much grimmer, more determined Israeli side.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said last night that "a new, creative policy is being set in motion as a response to the deep disappointment in the Palestinian Authority's failure to live up to its bargain. The need now is to return full freedom to act to the IDF. The time for a defensive stance alone is over."

Hanegbi spoke to reporters after a consultation with top security advisers called by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. More consultations will follow this morning at a specially convened session of the defense cabinet.

Sources said that "important decisions" can be expected from that meeting and that these decisions had been deliberately put off until this morning so as not to be seen as taken in a state of emotional upheaval.

Israel is now facing what was described by those around Netanyahu as the greatest crisis ever with the PA, mostly because of the cumulative effect of the terrorist attacks and the fact that they are not being prevented by the PA.

A meeting which was to have taken last night among representatives of the General Security Service, their PA counterparts, and the US Central Intelligence Agency was called off after Israel said there was no point to what would be a meaningless rite.

Albright, who is currently in Prague, phoned Netanyahu last night, as he was consulting with GSS chief Ami Ayalon and Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak. Netanyahu urged



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gestures during a press conference at Shaare Zedek Hospital.

her to come. But while she may not change her itinerary, the content of her

visit will not be the same. "We are changing the rules of the game," cabinet secretary Dan Naveh said last night. "We had given [PA Chairman Yasser] Arafat a chance for over a year and he blew it. He did nothing."

"This means that the same policy which we followed thus far will have to be replaced. What was is not what will be. The six-month-old baby hurt in the blast is not interested in Arafat's excuses and lip service. Neither are the rest of Israel's citizens. This will not go on. The fact is that since the July bombing at the Mahaneh Yehuda market, Arafat did nothing and

this is insufferable." The only issue the Israeli side will discuss with Albright will be the fight against the terrorist infrastructure, "the need to disarm the terrorists, and most of all to end incitement. Terrorism is not born of economic hardship, but is a product of constant incitement and brain-washing. Arafat was not even willing to do what President [Ezer] Weizman asked - that he announce publicly that the armed struggle against Israel is over," said Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Ilan.

"This reinforces our position that the issue of combating terrorism is the one and only issue on the table during Albright's visit."

Jordan's King Hussein phoned Netanyahu last night and condemned the attack. He extended his personal condolences to the bereaved families and wished the wounded a speedy recovery.

By STEVE RODAN

The Palestinian Authority yesterday condemned the bombings in Jerusalem and arrested two Hamas activists, but senior officials blamed the IDF closure for hindering Palestinian efforts to fight terrorism.

"I condemn completely these terrorist activities which are against all of the people of the region," PA Chairman Yasser Arafat said after meeting a US consular official. "It is against the Israeli people, the Palestinian people, the whole peace process."

PA officials maintained that they had intelligence about a planned attack against Israel. They also warned that the renewed closure would only harm Palestinian efforts to capture suspects.

A senior official said the suicide bombers were trying to derail attempts to renew peace talks with Israel.

PA cabinet secretary Ahmed Abdul Rahman told reporters in Gaza that his government would "do our best to investigate and find those behind the bombings."

Hours later, Hamas sources

reported that PA security forces took two senior members into custody, Jabbal Mansour of Nabulsi and Mahmud Musalah of Ramallah.

Still, some Palestinian officials said they would not comply with Israeli demands to detain up to 150 Hamas and Jihad leaders.

In a leaflet distributed in Ramallah, Hamas claimed that its military wing was responsible for the bombings, and called on Israel to release Palestinian prisoners by September 14. A similar statement was released after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombings.

Some PA officials asserted that right-wing Israelis, supported by allies in the General Security Service, staged the bombings in an attempt to halt US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit next week.

They also accused Israel of trying to prevent a redeployment of IDF troops in the West Bank, which was scheduled for this month. One of those to hint at such a conspiracy theory was PA Secretary-General Tayeb Abdul Rahim.

"In my opinion, the one who carried out this incident, or the ter-

rorist attack, doesn't want Mrs. Albright coming to the region and doesn't want the diplomatic process to succeed," Abdul Rahim told the Voice of Palestine radio.

"As I said, I have many questions, many suspicions, since this action and its results achieve the goals of those who do not want the peace process to continue and do not want to fulfill the obligations of the interim stage and renew the negotiations on the permanent solution," he said.

Abdel Rahim said that over the past few days PA security chiefs received reports of attempts to stage bombings in Israel in advance of Albright's September 10 arrival.

He said the IDF closure of the territories, including the sealing of Bethlehem, prevented PA security forces from acting on the information.

Hanan Ashrawi, responsible for higher education in the PA, also said that the closure made it easier for suicide bombers to operate and urged Israel to lift the restrictions.

Muhammed Najib contributed to this report.

Officials: We knew central Jerusalem was next target

By STEVE RODAN

Security officials, calling for a new counterterrorism strategy, said last night they had known that Islamic militants were planning a suicide bombing in downtown Jerusalem, but failed to obtain details that could have foiled their attempt.

The officials acknowledged that they have been unable to counter a new terrorist strategy that aims to kill as many Jews as possible without taking credit for the operations.

"It is this policy that allows for the continuation of terror attacks and for [Palestinian Authority chief Yasser] Arafat to say that he's not responsible," an official said. "Arafat hasn't done anything against the terrorist infrastructure, yet he actually is bragging to the Americans how much he is doing."

General Security Service agents worked furiously through the night trying to identify the bodies of the three suicide bombers. They tested for details that could lead to an identification of the attackers.

Full closure imposed

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF reimposed the closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip following yesterday's attack - after easing it earlier this week - and demanded that all Palestinian workers inside Israel return to their homes.

In addition, internal closures were ordered on villages and towns under Palestinian control, and Palestinians were barred from industrial zones in Judea and Samaria. Israelis were also barred from entering these areas.

The IDF Spokesman stressed Palestinians from Judea and Samaria requiring urgent medical attention would be allowed to enter Israel and medical equipment from Judea and Samaria would be allowed through to hospitals in east Jerusalem.

According to security officials, the explosives used in the attack were similar to those used in the Mahaneh Yehuda attack on July 30.

The bombs, they said, were less powerful, adding the reason fewer people were killed and the majority of those wounded suffered lighter injuries was because the bombs were detonated in the open and not in a closed area like Mahaneh Yehuda.

Several hours after the attack, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu convened an emergency meeting with security officials, including Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and other IDF officers.

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Ben-Yehuda BOMBING

Veteran jeweler stands defiant

By ELLI WOHLGELERTER

Rafael Chen was sitting in his jewelry store at Rehov Ben-Yehuda 7 just 45 minutes after the bombing, still shaken; just outside his shop lay the dismembered body of one of the terrorists.

"I was tending to a customer here when I heard the sound," he said.

"Then a second, and a third. We ran upstairs - I was afraid they were going to come through with a machine gun and kill everyone."

Chen has operated his little shop for 20 years and remembers three or four previous bombings. "But none of them was like this," he said.

As a veteran of the downtown mall, Chen said, he knows the dangers.

"I'm always on the lookout, checking under tables and chairs, checking for packages, and I always tell tourists who come in here, 'Always look around you, be careful,'" he said.

Immediately after the explosion, family members called to see if he had been hurt.

"I told the first few who called to call the others, to let them know I'm OK. I knew it would be impossible to get through on the phone, and that they'd all be worried."

Chen said that although "my heart is still pounding - I have to go home now and rest awhile" - he still planned to open his shop this morning.

"I am not afraid," he said defiantly, his voice rising. "The customers may not come because they're afraid, but I want davka to open."

"These are dirty people who do this, people who don't want to live in this world. But they won't be successful - we are Jews, we are strong, we have a strong army."

Chen said the pedestrian mall used to always be filled with tourists, but they're not coming in



Police sergeant Gideon Katz comforts one of the victims of yesterday's terror attack. (Ariel Jerusalem)

the same numbers anymore, and the summer had been very bad for business.

"French tourists were here and some Americans, but not like it used to be."

"Inevitably the talk turned to politics, the frustration pouring out.

"[Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu has to do something serious with Arafat," he said. "We give them NIS 100 million and they kill us? The money we pay to taxes we give to the Palestinians, and they're buying guns with our money - what's going on here?"

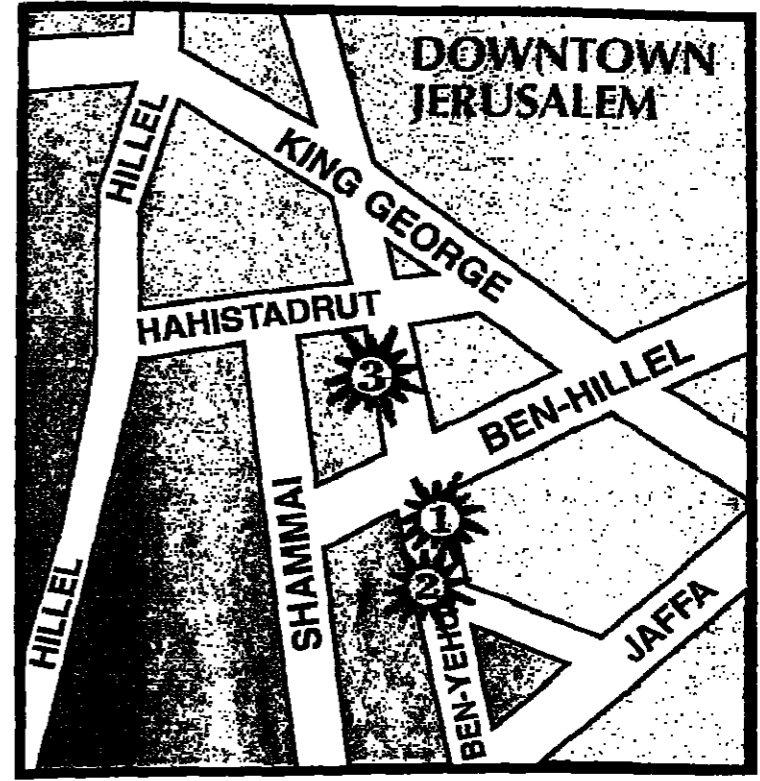
As he finished closing up shop, a security detail came into the lobby of his building, quickly pulling open cabinet doors to check for more explosives.

"It's OK," said Chen, "we're OK."

"That's what they said outside," replied the security man.

At 3:09 p.m. yesterday, three bombs went off on the crowded Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall in downtown Jerusalem. The first, just outside the Migash Shaul restaurant, was followed seconds later by a blast outside the main branch of Israel Discount Bank, and a third outside the Bazaar Ben-Yehuda toy store.

Police said three suicide bombers, men in their 20s, positioned themselves along the busy commercial strip in a manner that allowed them to maintain eye contact. When one gave the signal, all three detonated their deadly devices, killing four and wounding 192.



An ugly deja vu

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

It was an ugly deja vu.

Just 36 days after the Mahaneh Yehuda market bombing, downtown Jerusalem was again jammed with ambulances yesterday afternoon, in an awful replay of scenes from the earlier attack.

Twenty minutes after the blast, Zion Square, usually a hub of colorful mid-afternoon pedestrian traffic, was completely closed off, as police on horseback hurried onlookers back, for fear of more bombs.

A young girl was led away from the direction of the blast, holding her mouth as her chest heaved rapidly. Three middle-aged women handed a cellular phone back and forth, looking back up Rehov Ben-Yehuda anxiously as they spoke to their loved ones. A group of dazed tourists stood with their backpacks pressed against the window of a bookstore, wondering how what had previously been only television footage had suddenly become reality for them, too.

Here and there, people who had been close to the bombs when they went off and escaped unharmed paused to regroup and talk about what they'd just seen.

Boaz Zadok, 16, of Jerusalem stood over a friend who sat on the curb, waiting as she tried to remember where her friends were when the blasts occurred. "She's from our school, and some of our classmates were hurt there, and were on the ground bleeding," he said.

"We were at Bazaar Ben-Yehuda, talking to my uncle. We told my cousin that we were going down the street, and he stayed there talking when the bomb went off. I saw an arm go flying right by me. I saw an old man go flying - what didn't? Then there was another blast down below. We decided to go into a store, but when we did, glass started to fly all around. It was a complete madhouse."

"There was one explosion, and then I saw smoke," said Benny Ben-Ami of Safed. "Then two seconds later there

was a second one and then a third one. People started running like crazy, people crying, people bleeding."

"I didn't know where to run, I was so afraid," said another man. "There were three explosions, one, two, three, and I ran. I was in shock. Bodies went flying, heads, arms, legs. People didn't know whether to go into stores or not."

The usual post-bombing political debates erupted among the crowd, as a waiter from a nearby shop calmly distributed cups of water, then went back for more.

"If I was in the army, I'd go into their villages, really wipe them out, and they would stop this real fast," said one man.

"When I'm in the army in another six years, if I see an Arab, I'll blow his head off after what I saw today," a young boy said.

"But your prime minister let them in here," snapped an older woman.

"I say we have to take them and lock them up," said Yaniv Zafrani of Jerusalem. "Don't give them food or water. Let them rot. Let them stay in Gaza and Jericho and not come here. We don't want to see them here. Any Arab who comes here we should just beat up so they don't come here. Just like we're afraid to go there, they should feel the same way about coming here."

Asked about Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's campaign promise to bring a "secure peace" to Israel, Zafrani said: "I don't blame the prime minister, he's not to blame. He can't do it himself, he depends on his cabinet, and the world around us. The world should back the prime minister, because without it he can't do what he wants to do. He doesn't want them here either. No prime minister has been able to stop these attacks."

As helicopters hovered overhead and stores in the area closed, a young girl stood against a police vehicle, quietly reciting Psalms.

"It's not a pedestrian mall," a young man said passing by her, "it's Auschwitz."

COMMENT

How 'fortunate' we were

By HERS KEMON

"How many killed" is the immediate thought that races through the mind in those first horrible seconds after one hears of a bomb blast.

The experience of the last two years has taught us to brace for the worst. The numbers start low, and then climb. Ten, 15, 20, 30 dead are numbers we have tragically become accustomed to.

So it was with an odd sigh of relief that many in the country instinctively greeted yesterday's numbers, especially the initial reports which said that "only" one innocent person was killed, along with the three suicide bombers.

This relief was similar to the same sense of relief that emerged the previous day, when the police concluded that the two men gunned down in the Jerusalem

Corridor were the victims of criminal violence, not a terrorist outrage.

There were said to be seven dead in yesterday's attack, three of them the terrorists.

"We got off lucky this time," some will think. "It's a miracle more were not killed," others will say.

Commentators spoke about how the bombs caused less damage this time because they exploded in the open, not in an enclosed or roofed-in area. Lucky.

Some luck.

There is, indeed, a little solace and comfort to be derived from a "low body count." But only a little, and only if your friends and relatives are among the safe and sound. The very act of the attack is numbing, since the mind understands full well that if fewer people than usual were killed this time, we may not be as fortunate

the next time around.

Fortunate seems a contradictory way to speak about anything having to do with an attack that takes place in the middle of the day, in the middle of the nation's capital, in the middle of its busiest pedestrian mall. Fortunate seems an incongruous word when referring

to a triple bombing that kills four innocent people, and injures over 170.

But fortunate, sadly, is the way many surely view the relatively low death toll. This says nothing about a callousness on our part. Rather, it speaks volumes about our tragic, upside-down reality.

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Most victims treated for light injuries

By JUDY SIEGEL

Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus received 42 victims of the blasts, two of them wounded seriously, eight of them moderately and the rest of them lightly. Many of the lightly hurt victims suffered from emotional trauma, cuts, and damage to their hearing.

still treating nine victims from the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda blast. One man is in the intensive respiratory care unit, while the others are being treated in the rehabilitation, plastic surgery, and burn units.

Hadassah-Ein Kerem. Thirty-four other patients were suffering from light-to-moderate injuries. Bikur Holim yesterday discharged the last of its Mahaneh Yehuda blast victims, Dalia Atias.

On the doorstep of hell

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

"We were on the doorstep of hell," said Yoram Kaufman, one of the people wounded in yesterday's attack.

Kaufman, 44, a hi-tech researcher from Tel Aviv, his wife Ora, 39, a paralegal currently on maternity leave, and their six-month-old daughter, Tamara, were sitting outside Cafe Atara when they heard what sounded like a distant explosion.

Ora, who managed to breast-feed her frightened and crying baby after the explosion, has second-degree burns on her face, hands and legs. She instinctively enveloped herself around Tamara as she was knocked to the ground by the explosion, but was not able to protect her entirely.

Yoram had nightmares of his own. He could not shake the image of mangled and dismembered bodies. "We were covered with blood and flesh" he said repeatedly.

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Prime Minister Netanyahu visits with Abe Mendelson yesterday at Shaare Zedek Hospital.

Injured visitors not soured on Israel

By HEIDI J. GLEIT

David Keinan and his family, visiting here from Los Angeles, had just finished lunch at a cafe on Rehov Ben-Yehuda yesterday afternoon and walked outside.

"When I was walking, I thought there could be a bomb, [and the bombs exploded] the same second it was on my mind. I'm sorry I was right," Keinan said from Shaare Zedek Hospital, where his cousin drove him, their wives, and his 11-year-old son, Ofer.

The five suffered light to moderate burns, and the Keinans will probably stay here for another week, though Ofer had been due to leave for LA on Sunday.

better equipped to deal with the injuries he received in the terror attack than hospitals in Los Angeles.

Shaare Zedek was definitely more prepared for the aftermath of a terror attack than US hospitals. Shortly after the attack, an alarm system went off throughout the hospital and doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel rushed to bring equipment to the emergency room.

"I was so impressed with how well they handled it," she said. Dozens of gurneys were lined up in the parking lot outside the emergency room, and as each ambulance pulled up, a team of hospital workers methodically brought in the patient.

"This hospital is, unfortunately, experienced," Shaare Zedek director Jonathan Halevy said. "We absorbed all the injured quickly."

Many of the patients sounded dejected and upbeat. When asked if she feels differently about Israel after being wounded in a terror attack,

Tammy Keinan, who moved to LA from Haifa 16 years ago, said, "I feel the same way. Israel is my home. It can happen to you anywhere and I don't think there's too much you can do about people who want to commit suicide."

Reuma Weizman, the president's wife, said that over and over again, when visiting terror victims who are tourists, they told her they'll come back to Israel.

"Sometimes we derive a lot of strength from them," Weizman said. "We won't get up and leave because of this," Esther Kroizer, 20, of Jerusalem said from her bed at Shaare Zedek.

"Everyone who lives in this city wonders, 'When is it my turn?'" she added.

Kroizer had been having lunch with her adopted grandfather at Cafe Atara when the bombs went off. She dived under the table when she heard the first explosion, staying there as she heard the second bomb go off.

She said that she expects to be out of the hospital in a day or two, and that her grandfather already had been treated and discharged.

PM calls parents of US victim

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu visited the wounded at Shaare Zedek Hospital, including Abe Mendelson, 18, a yeshiva student from Los Angeles.

Netanyahu took an aide's cellular phone, dialed Mendelson's parents in Los Angeles, and handed it over to him to speak. He then took the phone and calmed Mendelson's parents.

"He's a little shaken, but he's going to be all right," Netanyahu told the father. "He's in good hands and we're going to take care of him. Regards to the entire family."

Mendelson was sitting with friends at a coffee shop when the first bomb went off.

"We had just gotten our drinks and were going to raise them in a l'chaim when we heard a huge boom. My friends screamed and then there were two more explosions."

"I got up and on the ground I saw a leg without a body. Someone called me to sit down in a nearby store, and then I was taken to the hospital. My arms and legs are burned and I have a hole in my leg where a screw hit, but the doctor assured me I would be all right."

Magen David praised for work

By JUDY SIEGEL

Magen David Adom functioned "superbly" in treating and evacuating victims of yesterday's bomb blasts in Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda mall, Health Ministry Director-General Gabi Barabash said.

He said that its work showed a dramatic improvement over the handling of victims of the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda attack.

A 13-page ministry report, whose complete contents have not been released, has criticized the emergency service's handling of treatment and evacuation of bomb victims in the market.

The report was compiled over the past month by a three-member committee headed by Dr. Michael Weiner, former chief IDF medical officer. It blamed outdated and overburdened communications for causing apparent delays in rescue crews reaching the scene of the bombings.

It said that coordination problems began when two duty operators at MDA Jerusalem headquarters received misleading reports on the extent of the blasts.

One report estimated there were only three wounded at the site. The dispatcher responded by sending out only two mobile intensive care units and two regular ambulances.

The committee also found that the Jerusalem MDA director was on vacation at the time, and that the two duty operators didn't coordinate, with each issuing conflicting instructions to ambulance drivers.

The MDA alleged that many of its communications problems stemmed from a temporary collapse of the Jerusalem telephone system.

Many staffers and volunteers, equipped with old-fashioned beepers that did not print out messages, rushed to the site or to the MDA station only after hearing the news on the radio and not because they were called in.

The MDA also failed to communicate adequately with city police.

As a result, not enough roads were cleared for ambulances to get through, the report said.

In general, the Weiner Committee said, none of the government agencies provided adequate supervision over emergency readiness.

The committee recommended improving the MDA's efficiency by separating its emergency paramedic service from its ambulance service.

The MDA works committee responded that the Weiner report "proved that what we have been saying for years - that the organization has suffered due to drastically reduced budgets that harmed its ability to function."

"We demand that the government recognize MDA as a national state service, with all the budgetary and legal implications," it added.

A painful recovery program reduced the number of MDA centers and replaced some with mere ambulance stations, reduced the number of staffers and left ambulance drivers without medics at night.

"We hate to say 'we told you so,' but we have warned about all these things in the past," the union said.

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Politicians trade blame over attack

By SARAH HONIG

The Right yesterday pronounced the Oslo process dead and buried following the Jerusalem bomb blasts...

advise this government to draw immediate hasty conclusions from this attack regarding the future of the peace process...

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World expresses outrage

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak condemned yesterday's bombing. He was quoted by state television as saying: "We condemn such operations which target civilian lives and spill the blood of innocent people..."

to decide what can be done to prevent violence, address its causes and do everything possible to restart the peace talks.

In a strongly worded statement, British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said the "cold-blooded murder of innocent civilians in a crowded shopping center is beneath contempt."

Although information remains preliminary, members of the Security Council agree that such acts only undermine the prospects for peace.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, visiting Iceland, said in a statement that it is time for Israelis and Palestinians to "sit together and to take stock of the situation on the ground and in their negotiations,



Soldiers and policemen survey the damage.

Weizman: Arafat must control Hamas

By BATSHEVA TSUR and Him

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat must be forced to take control of Hamas, President Ezer Weizman yesterday told his Egyptian counterpart, Hosni Mubarak.

before entering the hospital: "There is no doubt that Israel's trust in the Palestinian Authority is undergoing a grave crisis."

However, he continued, "I do not believe we should freeze the process. I hope that US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will come to the area, because this would be a wise step towards pushing forward the process.

Binyamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, where they were discussing the implications of proposed cuts in the defense budgets.

19 previous suicide bombings since 1993

April 16, 1993 - One person is killed and nine are wounded by a suicide car bomber outside a roadside cafeteria near Mechoa.

January 22, 1995 - At the Beit Lid intersection near Netanya, 22 people are killed and 60 wounded after two suicide bombers from the Islamic Jihad detonate explosives.

February 25, 1996 - In Jerusalem, 26 people are killed when a No. 18 bus is blown up near the Central Bus Station.

LONDON - The terror attack has added credence to a report in the London-based weekly newsletter Foreign Report, which yesterday implicated Iran and Syria, along with their proxies, Hizbullah and the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

were taken to an unnamed island near Istanbul. They eventually stepped ashore at Haifa carrying Turkish passports.

The first was aborted when a Hizbullah activist, carrying a British passport, arrived in Israel from Switzerland and blew himself up in his Jerusalem hotel room.

It said the attack was instigated by the same Iranian minister, who requested an attack by "a former leader of Hizbullah who still maintains a following" and the PFLP-GC, which, according to Israeli sources, is entirely at the disposal of Syrian intelligence.

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# A visit doomed to fail

YOSSI SARID

I would have written the following words as "an open letter to Madeleine Albright" if I weren't afraid of sounding a little pathetic and old-fashioned. So not a letter - just some sincere words for the secretary of state to consider, as she prepares to depart for our region next week.

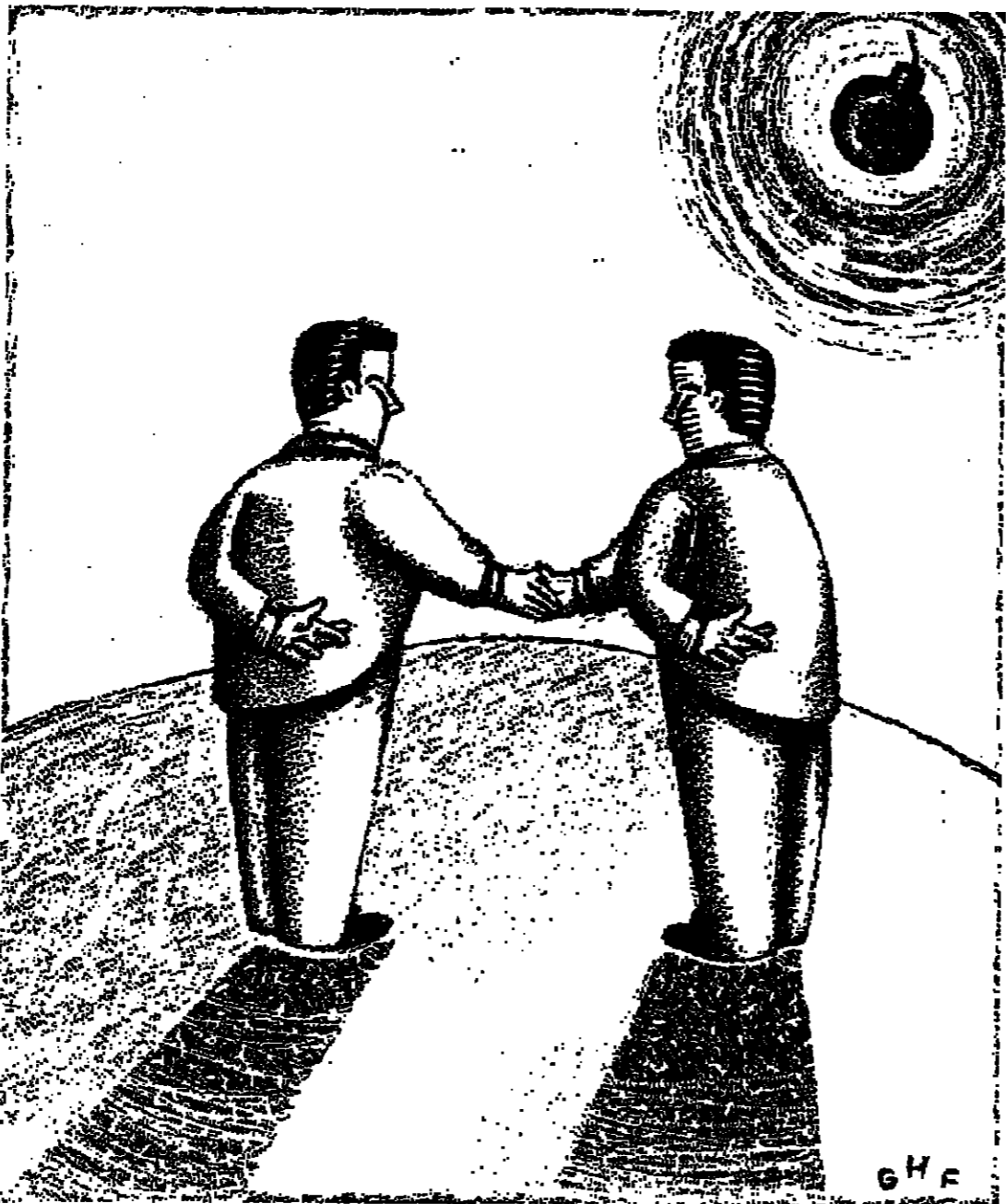
It is quite clear that Albright is travelling to the Middle East as one driven by some diabolic compulsion. It is over eight months since she was appointed to her job. She has already visited almost every corner on earth but she has kept away from this region, as if she were afraid of contracting some contagious disease.

She apparently had the example of Warren Christopher, her predecessor, before her eyes. How the poor man trudged from Jerusalem to Gaza to Damascus and back to Jerusalem, how he degraded himself by standing like a pauper in the doorway, as if the US is not the world's only superpower but the island of Micronesia. I watched Christopher closely during his voyages to our region, and while I have no doubt that he is a very honest, well-intentioned man, he was the wrong man, in the wrong time and place - a "good guy" in the worst sense of the word.

Christopher should have understood, that in the Middle East no one believes in good will and sincerity. Here only force is understood.

Perhaps Albright should continue to stay away. She has almost nothing to gain from her visit here, but a lot to lose - and she knows it well. But the whole world is asking why her ship has taken so long to dock, and had she waited any longer she might have been accused of bad faith. This is something the administration could not allow to happen.

But her visit is destined to fail, because she will be meeting with leaders who do not wish to deliver, and who are unable to deliver. We are dealing here with weak leaders, who are not leading their respective political camps, but are following them. Even the slightest tempest pushes them away from the skipper's deck to the ship's stern, and the ship seems about to sink. There is another reason for the



superpower, that she is likely to discover that, behind her back, explicit undertakings which were given to her are being systematically broken.

IF ALBRIGHT has a mind to save herself - and us who live in this deadly area - she absolutely must arrive here not only with a carefully worked out plan, but also with a determination to impose this plan. Without such determination she will be wasting her time and energy, as well as the reputation of the US, and she will be failing us.

An unsuccessful visit could turn out to be a very dangerous visit, for the disillusionment that it will leave behind could trigger a further outburst of violence and bloodshed. It would therefore be much better if the Albright were to avoid her mission altogether, rather than to risk total failure.

As the State Department spokesman emphasized this week, Albright is no magician. But she is the representative of the one and only world power, and none of the region's leaders would dare openly clash with her. If only Albright would understand who she is dealing with, she would not agree to leave the Middle East without Benjamin Netanyahu completely freezing all the settlements and stating exactly how much territory Israel will be relinquishing in the approaching second withdrawal, and without Yasser Arafat starting to deal with the terror as terror, not as if it were the weather, about which all one can do is talk.

Netanyahu must agree to negotiations about an overall withdrawal from the Golan Heights, just as Hafez Assad must agree to appropriate security and water arrangements and full normalization with Israel.

And one would have to say to Madeleine Albright, if one were to write her an "open letter": What is most important is not to be afraid. Not to be afraid of these questionable leaders, for public opinion is certain to be on her side. We trust the wisdom and responsibility of the US, which is a loyal and devoted friend and has never failed us. Let us just hope that Netanyahu will not turn Albright into a subject of mockery, for his mocking could be the undoing of us all.

The writer is the leader of Meretz.

## Madeleine Albright must realize that leaders in the Middle East do not keep their word

resolved, they very rapidly return to haunt us, and that changing procedures does not change the essence.

But the main reason the visit is bound to fail has to do with the nature of the local leaders and how they conduct themselves. We are talking of individuals who are not trustworthy and whose word can never be taken at face value. For a word is not a word and a commitment is not a commitment. It is precisely because Albright has a broad back, the back of a

expected failure. There is no way to sidetrack the heavy issues. The secretary of state is getting all sorts of advice on how to overcome the insurmountable obstacles: "Lebanon first" with Syria; a "permanent settlement" with the Palestinians rather than an "interim agreement." Even Henry Kissinger has some advice for Albright before she hits the road. But she will learn very quickly that if problems are not

# Truth with a capital T

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

Some years ago, I asked the head of a well-known yeshiva for *ba'alei teshuva* (the newly observant) why the yeshiva insists on immersing new students in intense Talmud study immediately.

A student who dropped in off the street and stayed for a month or so, I pointed out, might have little more to show for his six hours of daily Talmud study than a page or so, on which every word would be laboriously translated from Aramaic to English, dealing with what happens when a bull goes a cow and a newborn calf is found dead by the cow's side. One page out of the more than 5,000 that comprise the Babylonian Talmud.

His reply was an eye-opener: We start with Talmud, he said, to teach the new student that you cannot say whatever you want. Without shaking the newcomer to yeshiva out of the prevailing belief that everything is a matter of opinion and all opinions are equally valid, he realized, there is no possibility of proceeding to discuss the truth of the Torah, or any other form of truth with a capital T.

Studying Talmud is the antidote to a careless assumption that all opinions are equally valid. In Talmudic learning some opinions are

demonstrably false by virtue of their failure to account for all the evidence. Though commentators may reach different conclusions in the interpretation of a particular topic, each of those interpretations must be capable of accounting for all the relevant statements of the Tannaim and Amoraim throughout the entirety of the Talmud. Not for naught did the late Harvard medievalist Harry Wolfson compare Talmudic study to the testing of hypotheses in science.

The yeshiva head correctly perceived how deeply engrained in the typical college student is a lazy cultural relativism. As Allan Bloom writes in his devastating critique of American higher education, *The Closing of the American Mind*, "There is one thing a professor can be absolutely certain of: Almost every student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative. If this belief is put to the test, one can count on the students' reaction: They will be incomprehending."

According to a recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, between 10 percent and 20% of college students cannot even bring themselves to condemn the Nazis as morally wrong, as opposed to aesthetically distasteful. "Of course I dislike the Nazis," began a typical student response, "but who is to say they

are morally wrong." Cultural relativism is assumed to be the height of intellectual sophistication. It is just the opposite. In its wake follow intellectual sloth and the death of intellectual curiosity.

TODAY'S students have no motivation to examine the values upon which they live their lives, since they are convinced that both their values and any opposing ones are culturally determined. That is

## Cultural relativism is assumed to be the height of intellectual sophistication. It is just the opposite

why, Bloom points out, one encounters today so few students infused with any longing to know all about another culture.

Relativism has convinced the modern student that those cultures contain no information that would help in his search for the good life, or indeed that there is any such thing. Rather than testing his assumptions from another vantage point, he allows inertia to guide him. So much for the unexamined life.

sake of intellectual amusement," the Alter explained, "but for the purpose of discovering the truth and acting upon it. For you, however, this is only an academic exercise. Otherwise you would have waited until we were done to see whether I would convince you to follow my path before ordering the horses prepared."

That same lack of intellectual honesty - the refusal to scrutinize the assumptions of one's life and to consider the possibility of reordering one's way of life - remains the greatest barrier to the consideration of Torah by secular Jews.

The writer is the author of numerous biographies of modern Jewish leaders and Israel correspondent for the Jewish Observer.

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## Arafat must make a choice

Unless the PA tackles terrorists in its domain, talks with the Palestinians will not move ahead, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tells Jay Bushinsky in a wide-ranging interview

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's most important contribution to the Middle East peace process, according to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, would be to convince the Palestinian Authority of the need for genuine and effective action against the terrorist infrastructure within its domain.

Without that, he said, it will be impossible to implement the further redeployments stipulated in the Oslo Accords and subsequent Hebron agreement.

Netanyahu gave an exclusive interview to *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday, in anticipation of Albright's planned arrival here next week.

"The immediate thing we're looking for is the Palestinians' fulfillment of the obligations," which, he notes, are specified in the Oslo text, "to fight terrorism and dismantle the terrorist infrastructure, commitments that have not been fulfilled so far," he said. "If the secretary's trip advances that [goal] it will be an important contribution to peace."

The prime minister defined the PA's attitude toward the suppression of terrorism as a grave deviation from the Oslo spirit and intent. "In effect, the one structural flaw in Oslo is the failure of the Palestinian Authority and of [Chairman Yasser] Arafat to live up to the commitment he gave to prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, namely, 'You give us territory, we'll fight terrorism from that territory.'"

"That simply has not happened. The opposite has. We have had an explosive growth of terrorism in the four years of Oslo... Hamas and Islamic Jihad have built terrorist bases and enjoy terrorist safe havens five minutes away from our major cities."

"That has caused the death of 250 Israelis in the first two-and-a-half years [after Oslo] - a situation no government can endure, that peace cannot endure. Arafat cannot escape the choice he must make between peace with Hamas and peace with Israel."

Netanyahu spoke gravely about Iran's ballistic missile buildup, in which Russian experts are actively involved. He outlined the grim possible consequences if the Russian government does not stop the flow of its extensive technological know-how and the export of vital components to the Islamic republic.

"It could change the balance of power in the Middle East," Netanyahu said. "It could [negatively] affect the peace agreements already existing in the Middle East and those yet to be reached. The premier stressed that all the powers interested in resolving existing conflicts, Russia as well as the US, must take effective action to prevent the regional balance of power from shifting in Iran's favor."

Iran's incessant effort to disseminate its extremist ideology.

IN DISCUSSING the Palestinian track, he made no reference to the construction work at Jerusalem's Har Homa or the reported possibility that Albright may seek a three- to six-month pause in the controversial project. Nor did he seem ready to make any concessions on settlements in conjunction with further redeployment or proceeding to final-status talks.

"We have a clear position, which is that we fulfill agreements," he said. "The Oslo Accords are quite clear about our commitments and about the Palestinians." They make no mention of settlements - in fact, Rabin was very clear about the freedom that Israel maintains to build settlements, even new ones, something we are not doing.

"I think the important thing at first is to establish [the principle] that old commitments are kept before new ones are entertained."

"We fulfilled our side," Netanyahu insisted. "We've redeployed in Hebron and fulfilled other commitments; but the Palestinians have not."

Asked why his government had not approved any new settlements, the premier said: "We decided early on that any decision on a new settlement would require the full cabinet's approval, and we haven't brought any for approval so far."

But surely, he was asked, he could have gotten approval from his cabinet, had he asked for it? "I think we have contented ourselves with allowing the growth of existing settlements," Netanyahu answered. "They're growing... I don't think they're growing quite at the pace at which they grew under the Labor government, and I don't say this with any particular pride. [Their population] expanded by nearly 50 percent under Labor."

"That didn't seem to be such a hindrance toward peace then, the way it is presented now."

Netanyahu defended his proposal to shelve the frustrating quest for interim agreements, which he described as potential sources of new friction and violence, in favor of final-status talks. He denied that the suggestion was a tactic designed to avoid further troop redeployments in the interim.

The only reason for postponing additional troop pullbacks, he said, would be the PA's failure to act against terrorists and terrorism.

The parties should "cut to a final agreement," Netanyahu said, contending that "the incremental process erodes confidence, with each side eyeing a final settlement." He contended that an immediate advance to final-status talks "would enable the parties to cut the Gordian knot" that breeds frustration and violence.

The prime minister rejected Arafat's definition of the demand for the arrest of 150 people on Israel's "wanted" list as a "dictate," asking: "What good is it for us to make new concessions - give more pieces of land - which will simply be used as launching grounds for additional terrorist



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu: Arafat has to choose between 'peace with Hamas and peace with Israel.'

(Isaac Harari)

attacks against us?"

Netanyahu went on to reject the idea of statehood as a feasible "What good is our giving more pieces of land which will be used as launching grounds for additional terrorist attacks against us?"

form of Palestinian self-determination. He cited security considerations as the main reason.

The prime minister argued that sovereignty would enable the Palestinians to forge military alliances with Iraq and Iran, challenge Israel's control over the air space west of the Jordan River and deploy weapons near Tel Aviv.

"The 20th century shows that symbolism becomes reality," he said, contending that "there are other models for a final settlement" besides statehood.

Turning to the territorial aspect of the Palestinian-Israeli dispute, Netanyahu cited his "Allon-Pis" plan as a viable proposal, noting

that it would have to provide "defense-security zones," while at the same time "balancing Israeli and Palestinian needs."

In the end, he argued, "only we," - Israelis and Palestinians - could determine the prerequisites for coexistence in peace and security.

Netanyahu dismissed media reports charging that he would prefer to concentrate on resurrecting the moribund negotiations with Syria than go on dealing with the PA. The reason for this was said to be the increasing complexity of the core issues yet to be aired: Jerusalem, refugees and borders. But by bringing the final-status talks forward, Netanyahu said, these issues would be taken up sooner rather than later.

With regard to peace talks with Syria, the prime minister was "encouraged" by President Hafez Assad's role in the joint Israeli-Syrian effort to wind down the recent escalation in southern Lebanon.

He credited the Syrian leader with reining in the Iranian-backed Hizbullah guerrillas, thereby avoiding further bloodshed.

However, Netanyahu described as a nonstarter Assad's demand that the armistice line existing from mid-1949 to June 4, 1967 be the outer limit of the Syrian forces' deployment in the aftermath of a proposed Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

"The Syrians are torpedoing the peace talks before they resume."

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he said, indicating that the only acceptable cartographical term of reference was the political boundary between Palestine and Syria dating back to the British Mandate.

"The Syrians simply want to get down to the water," Netanyahu said, referring to Lake Kinneret, on whose northeastern shore the Syrian army was camped until the

outbreak of the Six Day War.

The premier also ruled out a return to the Green Line, saying it would trigger "internal conflict" within Israel. At the same time, he expressed surprise at the PA's apparent notion that its territorial objectives could best be achieved by the return of a Labor-led coalition to power.

Israel "couldn't redeploy" in Hebron under Labor, he recalled, adding immediately, "we could do it." The clear implication was that troop movements of such a kind need a Likud-led coalition to gain the requisite popular approval.

NETANYAHU did not betray the fatigue one might have expected following his intensive trip to the Far East last week. He placed particular emphasis on the decision by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) to open an office here, adding that all the Israeli business executives who accompanied him on the six-day trip forged potentially lucrative

contacts or relationships with Japanese firms.

"They are interested in Israel's innovative capabilities and high-tech industries and are no longer concerned about the Arab economic boycott or the Arab states' onetime monopoly on the supply of crude oil," he said.

Netanyahu waxed enthusiastic about the opening by Korea's Hyundai conglomerate of a research and development center here, and spoke about the prospect of at least two other major Korean firms following suit.

He stressed the importance of the discussions in Baku with Azerbaijan's President Gaidar Aliev, especially regarding the supply of oil and gas to Israel.

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# A smoldering issue

**Tempers are inflamed over the torching of the Reform nursery school in Mevasseret Zion. Larry Derfner tries to discover who was responsible**

Standing in the blackened interior of Mevasseret Zion's Reform nursery school, pointing out the torn window screen, broken window and burned toys, Chana Sorek, chairperson of the local Reform congregation, says they had essentially been forewarned about last weekend's torching of the nursery.

"We'll burn you out." "It's too bad they didn't burn you at Auschwitz." "You sell pork in the shopping mall. We'll burn the shopping mall and we'll burn you, too." These, says Sorek, were some of the threats made by Mevasseret residents at a highly charged, local council meeting last January when the Reform congregation was to be offered a parcel of land on which to build a synagogue and community center.

On Monday, hours after the arson was discovered, Tehiya Greenwald, a local Reform activist, received a telephone call from someone who told her, "You'll be hearing from us." Greenwald's telephone number appeared in an advertisement in the local newspaper for courses being held at the nursery, Sorek notes.

"People who live in the cottages and expensive apartments in Mevasseret think everything is quiet and calm here, but under the surface things are going on that are very hard to live with," Sorek says.

In her view, the nighttime arson at Kehilat Mevasseret Zion nursery was part of a larger pattern of political violence in the town. Two local council members, Akhram Barzani and Haviv Levy, had acid thrown onto their cars a couple of years ago, evidently because they made decisions regarding local building rights that led some residents "to want to take revenge," Levy says. Not long ago a grenade was thrown into a grocery store that opened up in competition with a nearby store, Sorek adds.

Mevasseret Zion, which has 20,000 residents, lies about 10 kilometers west of Jerusalem on either side of Route 1. The Maaz Zion neighborhood on the south side of the highway is populated mainly by the descendants of Kurdish and Iraqi immigrants who came here in the 1950s. The north side, called Mevasseret Yerushalayim, which

was originally populated in the 1950s by North African immigrants, has grown extensively in recent years. Today, most of its residents are middle-class Ashkenazim who moved here in the last two decades. Some 220 families, the majority of them Ashkenazim, are Reform Jews.

The arson at the nursery school, Sorek maintains, was an outgrowth of the fierce resentment felt by some of the town's impoverished Sephardim against their Ashkenazim neighbors. It was also connected, she contends, to the recent violent attempts by some 100 Sephardi families, many of them homeless, to move into the local absorption center.

"I'm not saying that the squatters are the ones who made the threats against us," Sorek says. "But there is an element among [poor local Sephardim] who are angry, violent, and some are alcoholics or drug addicts. They're also traditionally religious, so it's easy to turn them against the Reform because we're like a symbol of the Ashkenazim, who they claim have stolen their land - which is ridiculous," Sorek asserts.

A spokesman for the Jerusalem police force said a connection between the threats made at the council meeting and the attempted takeover of the absorption center "is one of many possibilities being investigated [in the arson case], but I don't wish to go into it further because it's a very sensitive issue." Sorek says a local council member, whom she did not name, told her, "When you see the way [some squatters] barge into our offices, cursing and threatening, you can understand how such a thing [as the arson] could happen."

Local council head Eli Mouyal disagrees, strongly with Sorek's

reading of the matter. He says the squatters at the absorption center "are just people in distress. They are angry against the establishment, but they have nothing against the Reform." Mouyal and Haviv Levy deny that they have ever been threatened by the squatters.

Furthermore, says Mouyal, the squatters are not connected to the people who protested at the January council meeting. Those demonstrators, says Mouyal, were "local Shas supporters connected to [Shas council member and National Insurance Institute deputy director] Yigal Barzani." The background of the arson, Mouyal insists, has nothing to do with ethnic or class tensions, only religious ones. "I believe the arson was carried out by religious people, Orthodox, who are against the Reform," he says.

Unlike Sorek, Mouyal is not convinced the fire was started by locals. "They might have come from Jerusalem. For instance, there was a busload of [anti-Reform] demonstrators brought in from Jerusalem for the council meeting [in January]," he notes.

However, both Sorek and Mouyal blame Barzani for inciting local enmity against the Reform. "He went from synagogue to synagogue in Maaz Zion, telling people the council was going to 'steal your children and make them Reform,'" Mouyal said. Barzani and his supporters hung posters claiming Reform Jews eat pork on Yom Kippur, Sorek says. They also protested outside Mouyal's house. "This was incitement, and incitement leads to violence," says Mouyal.

The uproar in the council over the Reform synagogue and community center was so menacing that Mouyal adjourned the meeting after five minutes. "If I hadn't cleared every-

one out, I would have had a war on my hands," Mouyal says.

Another war seemed to be brewing in advance of the rescheduled meeting in March. "The meeting was set for 8 p.m. Barzani's demonstrators were going to come at that time, so at the last minute I moved it up to 6 p.m.," Mouyal says.

The council voted to let the Reform community build its synagogue and community center. But Sorek says the project hasn't moved forward "because the council is afraid of angering the Interior Ministry, which is run by Shas."

Like everyone else on the council, Barzani condemns the arson attack. "It was dreadful that such an act could occur in a democratic country like Israel. It went against the Torah. The police have to find the criminals and punish them," he says.

At the same time, Barzani freely acknowledges that he hung anti-Reform posters and organized local residents to protest against the Reform, saying he acted strictly within the limits of law and democracy. "The Reform are heretics against the Torah of Israel," Barzani says. "They should not be allowed to build a synagogue, a community center or a nursery school here."

He adds that the arson will not deter him. "I will continue to take aggressive action within the limits of democracy to diminish Reform activities in Mevasseret Zion," he vows.

Barzani says he never heard any threats to "burn" the Reform, claiming these were "products of Mrs. Sorek's wild imagination."

The 41 children of Kehilat Mevasseret Zion are currently in a municipal nursery building, following the council's vote to let them use the building while their burned-out nursery is being repaired. Barzani's was the only "no" vote.

Rabbi Avraham Yosef, the rabbi of Maaz Zion, deprecates the arson and says he intends to sermonize against violence. "I'm against the Reform, but I'm also against violence," he says.

Yosef adds that he is convinced the arsonists did not come from Mevasseret Zion. Asked why, he replies, "Whoever heard of a Jew doing such a thing to other Jews?"



Zohar Dardik, 3, examines a toy among the remains of Mevasseret Zion's Reform nursery school, set on fire last weekend. (Ariel Jerolimski)



Azzam in court before the verdict, still hoping for the best. (Reuters)

# The price of doing business in Egypt

The sentencing of Azzam Azzam in Egypt on charges of spying for Israel has raised tension between the two countries. Many believe the verdict will not only deter Israelis from doing business in Egypt, but will also impact on Cairo's international trade. Herb Keilon reports



Dvora Ganani lived and did business in Egypt for five years before she was forced out. (Israel Hadar)

For the general public, the televised images of a caged, frightened and drawn-looking Azzam Azzam being sentenced in an Egyptian court to 15 years' hard labor for spying were harrowing. For Azzam's family, in the Druse village of Maghar in Galilee, the pictures were undoubtedly nightmarish.

And for Israeli businessmen doing business, or interested in doing business, in Egypt, the images set some warning bells ringing. "Egypt does not want Israelis," the prime minister's adviser on Druse affairs, Assad Assad, was quoted as saying after the verdict. "This verdict is a clear message to Israeli businessmen who are operating in Egypt."

Azzam, 36, worked as a mechanic at the joint Egyptian-Israeli Tefron textile factory in Cairo, and lived in Egypt for six months prior to his arrest. "Business with Egypt cannot just go on as usual," said a senior official at the Ministry of Industry and Trade. "The Israeli businessman cannot be certain that he will not be taken hostage."

Just ask Dvora Ganani. Ganani, a former spokeswoman for the Health and Tourism ministries, lived in Cairo for five years - where she owned a car, apartment and office - and was the doyenne of the Israeli business community in Egypt.

The Israeli Embassy was known to refer Israelis interested in opening up an enterprise in Egypt to Ganani, who would try to steer them in the right direction. "I represented American, European, Israeli and Japanese companies in Egypt," she said. "I was a matchmaker between foreign and local companies, introducing companies to the Egyptian market. I have properties and investments there."

But on July 16, she was detained by Egyptian security personnel at Cairo International Airport for 24 hours. She was never told why, but she read later in the Egyptian press that she was accused of "industrial espionage." On the day she was

arrested, Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak happened to be in Egypt.

He convinced the Egyptian authorities to let her return with him to Israel, and convinced Ganani to do the same. "If I am a spy, everyone is a spy," Ganani said.

She added that she was on the verge of coupling a number of Israeli firms with Egyptian counterparts in order to begin joint ventures in Egypt. "I brought money and business to Egypt," she said. "To this day I have no idea what the problem was."

**"It is sad that this is the way the Egyptians treat someone like me, an investor who was brave enough to buy an office there, and to build there. Five years ago they opened the doors for me, now they've closed them."**

-Dvora Ganani

Ganani said she was told through Egyptian Foreign Minister Amir Moussa's office that she would not be allowed back into Egypt. "It is sad that this is the way they treat someone like me, an investor who was brave enough to buy an office there, and build there. Five years ago the Egyptians opened the doors for me, now they've closed them," Ganani said. "I have no idea what their

intentions are."

Gil Feiler, managing director of Info-Prod Research (Middle East) Ltd., a Tel Aviv-based firm that specializes in promoting joint ventures in the Arab world, comments that making things easy for Israeli investors is not one of Cairo's priorities.

Last year, according to government figures, trade with Egypt amounted to \$57.5 million in exports, and \$25 million worth of imports.

"They [the Egyptians] could triple the trade with no problem," Feiler said. "That they are not doing so is because of political reasons, and their own internal calculations."

Feiler said it is obvious that the Azzam affair will have a definite deterrent impact on Israelis interested in doing business in Egypt.

But what should really concern the Egyptians, he said, is the impact it may have on international businessmen as well. "Egypt today is one of the best business opportunities in the Middle East," he said. "However, when they make problems for Israeli businessmen, it doesn't help their image."

Feiler said that the arrest and conviction of Azzam, taken together with other developments in the country such as the CNN report on female genital mutilation in Egypt, the detention of Israeli businesspeople at Egyptian border crossings and Islamic fundamentalism, leave a negative imprint on the businessman just searching for a quiet place to make a buck.

Moshe Kobi, who deals with Israel-Egypt trade at the Finance Ministry, says that the influence of the Azzam affair will be most pronounced on small investors. He said that they are likely to be deterred, not only because of a concern for their own physical well-being, but also because of a "concern for the security of their investments."

But Ya'acov Yisraeli, a Tel Aviv-based attorney who represents a number of Israelis with business links in Egypt, said there are not a lot of Israelis who travel frequently to Egypt for business. No one was able to provide a figure on the number of Israelis who, like Azzam, work there on a full-time basis, although all agreed the number was no more than a "few" individuals.

Yisraeli divided business dealings with Egypt into three categories: agriculture, joint ventures and large projects. The agricultural endeavors, he said, are either Egyptian farms run with Israeli know-how, or Israeli companies that grow produce in Egypt and then market it in Europe.

The joint ventures consist of Israeli firms which set up companies in Egypt with Egyptian partners. This company then manufactures the goods, usually textiles, and markets them in Egypt or the Arab world. In these cases, Yisraeli said, the Israelis generally come in and help set up the companies, and then leave Egypt, relegating day-to-day management to fax and phone contact.

"The types of investment to be hit the hardest by the Azzam case," he said, are long-term projects, such as desalination. These enterprises, he said, often entail a degree of long-range commitment, investment and trust which, in the current climate of relations between Egypt and Israel, are hard to come by.

Yisraeli said he himself is not afraid of traveling to Egypt, which he does a few times a year, even after the Azzam affair. But, he said, the incident "has raised the tension barometer. And it is well known," he added, "that businesses look for tranquility."

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## Stardust and sympathy

Diana was the bebop princess who understood the pulse of the times because she was of the times.

By BARBARA AMIEL

I can't help thinking that Moslems and Jews have the right idea when they demand that their dead be buried within 24 hours. Though my interest in the life of the Princess of Wales remains undiminished after hours of television, *de mortuis nil nisi bonum* notwithstanding, the more time passes, the more contradictions in every life great and small become evident. Or do they?

Shakespeare understood the matter when he penned Antony's oration at the death of Julius Caesar. "The evil that men do lives after them," he wrote. "The good is oft interred with their bones." Just as Shakespeare knew the truth was also the precise opposite, so it is with the death of Diana. Her tragic end has buried all the flaws, while the good lives on.

London has become a Fellini movie. People stand for seven hours to sign a book of condolences. Under normal circumstances they would by now have massacred each other in attacks of queue rage. Will Lord Lloyd Webber get the first two songs of *Diana, The Musical* written before London's Millennium Dome has been named after her?

Much emphasis is now put on Diana's charitable work and her warm and caring manner.

She was able to reduce the estimable Dr. Henry Kissinger to Jell-O, help the terminally ill smile, and get my secretary to work 10 hours overtime just on the chance of opening a door for her.

A temporary industry has grown up of People Who Knew Her. Trouble is, human beings are so made that most of us don't really know what goes on behind the eyes of those closest to us, let alone the Kohl-ringed eyes of a woman of as many parts as Diana.

She lived, frankly, on the edge. On the one hand she was trying, quite successfully, to maintain a parallel court to the queen's which would allow her to retain a public presence in her charity work and give her quasi-official duties abroad.

At the same time, she wanted her personal life to be private while she enjoyed the lifestyle of a film star, complete with affairs, public weeps and personal confessions. These several aspects were doomed to collide, and those close to her could see the razor's edge.

The funeral is set and the queen has wisely and generously decided to give the divorced wife who lacked the mystical tide of Her

Royal Highness a state funeral, though it is not quite a state funeral.

It is, explains a palace spokesman, a "unique" occasion for a unique person. Just as the Chinese absorbed their conquerors, the House of Windsor will rightly make the legend of Diana its own.

Anger against the press is grumbling along. The press, of course, have little interest in members of the royal family who simply walk their dogs, go to church, open fetes and do their duty. But Diana was a chameleon. She wanted the paparazzi present on Tuesday, but not on Wednesday.

The struggle to hijack her legend is already on. British Prime Minister Tony Blair has called Diana "the people's princess," aka New Labor's goddess. That she cared about the sick, helpless and weak is beyond a doubt. But she also wanted a private jet as part of her divorce settlement, and spent forever in gyms and at counters.

She seems marginally unsuitable as a people's icon.

But somehow, because of the stardust that coated her and the warmth she could exude, whether to a Bosnian war refugee or the editor of *Vogue*, she did in fact belong to everyone.

Diana had virtually no historical awareness of her role as possible queen of England or mother of the future king, nor had she much interest in statecraft. She certainly didn't set out to undermine the monarchy, nor was she particularly concerned to help it. Still, help it she did.

The worst thing that can happen to an institution such as a constitutional monarchy is boredom or irrelevancy. The less relevant it is in actually running the country, the more important it is for the monarchy to stay alive in the public consciousness. Essentially, the British monarchy, which I happen to favor, is an increasingly beleaguered institution. But all the royal family's earnest efforts to modernize have proved to be somewhat like the liberalization of the established church.

The more it tries to achieve relevance and get closer to the people, the more it loses the majesty of its *raison d'etre*.

Diana was of a different stripe. She gave the British people their first up-to-date fairy-tale princess *à la* Grace Kelly - except she was not borrowed from Hollywood.

Her contradictions - mirrored those of many of her would-be subjects. She was a willful wife and a vulnerable single woman. As a mother she seemed to be a devoted New Age Auntie Mame whose children adored her, though occasionally needed to rescue her. Her lack of pomposity and stiffness, her stunning beauty and wardrobe to match, revived the monarchy, just as the films of Rogers and Astaire brought glamour and glitz to dreary England after the war. Her sons will inherit her legend, and the British monarchy will be the beneficiary.

Diana had wanted to be the queen of hearts, but the irony is that her power came from the human need for hierarchy. We are as hierarchical as jackdaws, and while aristocratic hierarchies are outdated today and most societies are arranged along republican lines, one of the first things each society does is create its own "glitteracy." America turns movie stars into princes and princesses. But we had the real thing.

We got the bebop princess who understood the pulse of the times because she was of the times. Rudyard Kipling contended that one had to walk with kings and have the common touch. Simply having the common touch made one, well, just common.

Diana had enough of the right stuff to create the image that she could walk with kings and still let the supermarket cashier feel that she shared her dreams and heartaches.

Now Diana is gone, she's missed like the blitzes and I don't see her like among us. But the queen and her heirs have enough of the real stuff to harness this passion for Britain's good.

(Clockwise from above) Wearing this 'Serpentine' cocktail dress in 1995 - or anything else - photographers couldn't get enough of her; fun in a boat on holiday with sons William and Harry; next to singer elton John at a memorial service for murdered designer Gianni Versace. (AP)

# to people's hearts



Diana's warmth helped dissolve Britons' habitual reserve: A man kneels by floral tributes outside Buckingham Palace this week. (AP)



(Clockwise from above) In New York, a graffiti tribute to Diana; Jordanian women read about the tragedy; Mother Teresa bids Diana farewell at the end of her visit in June. (AP)



## The British: A quivering upper lip

By HELEN SMITH

The convulsion of grief that has seized Britain since Princess Diana's death on Sunday shows just how much she helped the nation shake off its traditional reserve.

The ever-growing mountains of flowers around Diana's Kensington Palace home and other royal landmarks, the vast lines of people who have waited up to eight hours to record their condolences, and openly shed tears are new experiences in the land of the stiff upper lip.

For the royal family, the overwhelming public emotion is as unexpected as Diana's sudden and tragic death.

Each day, Buckingham Palace has had to amplify its plans for the funeral procession and has increased the number of condolence books placed at St James's Palace, where Diana's body is lying, from 5 to 43. A Welshman wrote in one of the books: "I feel more grief for Diana than I did at the loss of my own family."

The reaction to Diana's death is a vivid demonstration of just how her informal, affectionate way of dealing with people not only reflected the mood of modern Britain, but helped to mold it.

The public response to the death of Diana is not a fabrication of the media. It is a revelation of the country we have become," John Gray, professor of politics at

Oxford University, wrote in *The Guardian* newspaper.

Britain's grief has cut across class, religion and race, reflecting just how universal her popularity was. "We mourn her because for all of us — young and old, posh and common, Left and Right, monarchist and republican, feminist and male chauvinist — she had become part of our daily lives," wrote royal biographer Ben Pimlott in *The Guardian*.

Unlike the royal family she married into, and despite her glamorous lifestyle, Diana was seen as accessible and sympathetic to the everyday hardships of others. Britons never tired of reading about the ups and downs of her troubled life.

"She had become a receptacle for our own most complicated emotions," said Pimlott.

People had begun to deplore the once-respected royal family for its treatment of the vulnerable young woman who married into it at the age of just 20. Having seen Diana's example of how royals could behave, Britons no longer had time for the monarchy's rigid formality — never more poignantly on display than on the morning of Diana's death, when her two grieving sons were made to attend a public church service.

The royal way was no longer in keeping with the way the British see themselves, said Jonathan Freedland in *The Guardian*. "Much of the shift is down to one

person: Diana... She preached a creed of hugs and warmth and confession, a revolutionary doctrine whose enemy was the frigidity of our habitual reserve," he said.

"In mourning her, we've shown how much we have thrown off the old ways — and how much like her we have become."

Diana's enormous popularity was a reflection of the change in values that swept a Labor government to power in May this year after 18 years of Conservative rule. "Diana was the princess of a young country. Both she and [Prime Minister Tony] Blair signaled a new informality, the end of the age of deference," wrote columnist Suzanne Moore in *The Independent*.

The Labor government is now having to nudge the royal family into the 21st century and make it take into account the swell of public grief in its planning for tomorrow's funeral, said Moore.

Buckingham Palace has extended the funeral procession route to more than 5.5 kilometers to accommodate the millions of people yearning to come to pay their last respects. To ease the crush, the palace has announced that huge video screens will be set up in Hyde Park.

But bereft Britons want more, said Moore. "A fitting memorial would be a funeral that truly included the dispossessed rather than merely the great and the good," she said.

(Reuters)



From Greek island of Corfu, Greece, a young girl sits on the princess's knee at a cancer hospital in Pakistan this year. (AP)



## Diana's charity work may have been understated

Stories surfacing this week suggest that Princess Diana touched the sick and the down-and-out far more often and more deeply than was publicized during her lifetime. She apparently kept most of her work away from public view so as not to spoil its intimate nature.

On a raw winter night in 1994, Princess Diana dropped by a shelter called Off the Streets to comfort 40 prostitutes, drug addicts and other homeless Londoners.

As they waited, a swaggering 23-year-old told Paul George, the social worker in charge: "I don't know about these royals. I think the IRA should shoot them all. She comes in here, we can give her a good one."

"Then Diana walks in, and he's the first person she sees in this big warehouse," George remembers. "She walks over to him, and I'm thinking, Oh my God, this is going to be trouble! But then Diana says: 'It's Ricky, isn't it? Didn't I meet you when you were sleeping down in the Strand?' And he just melts. 'That's right,' he says, 'I'm getting myself together now...'"

That story is one of many surfacing this week that suggest Diana touched the sick and the down-and-out far more often and perhaps more deeply than was publicized during her lifetime. "It's an example of how she disarms and charms," George said, having trouble using the past tense.

The death of Diana, described by the *London newspaper The Independent* as "probably the most successful fund-raiser on the planet," has set off a flood of new offers to her favorite charities.

In response, Buckingham Palace Tuesday set up an official memorial

fund in her name to collect and administer them. While welcoming that move, Britons involved in these causes said Diana's true legacy is not the millions she raised with celebrity lunches and auctions of her fashionable clothes, but an irreplaceable compassion she brought directly to people she was helping.

The British-based Leprosy Mission and the National AIDS Trust credit Diana with easing the stigma of those diseases by embracing sufferers on camera, dispelling the myths that either can be spread by human contact.

She also held publicized benefits for the Centrepoint organization for the homeless, the English National Ballet, the Great Ormond Street Hospital for children and the Royal Marsden NHS Trust cancer treatment center — the few charities she focused on after resigning from 100 others in July 1996, just before her divorce from Prince Charles.

But Diana kept most of her work from public view so as not to spoil its intimate nature.

"There was no financial benefit when she made a private visit," said George, whose shelter is one of 14 run by Centrepoint. "Money is not what it was about. She wanted to know what life was like for people less fortunate than herself. And she wanted to make a difference by showing that she cared."

Diana went incognito to the

Strand to visit vagrants sleeping on the pavement, George said, and a few months ago she brought her two sons to help prepare a meal and meet people staying at his shelter. He said these visits often involved elaborate security procedures, such as changing cars, to throw photographers off her trail.

While it was never a secret that the princess conducted missions of comfort out of the limelight, the extent of them is just starting to become known. A wide range of ordinary Britons whose burdens she shared now feel free to speak about friendships that, until her death, had to be confidential.

Philip Woolcock, a 45-year-old social worker, told the *Daily Telegraph* that he and his wife had carried on a friendship with "the real Diana" since 1991, when the princess first learned through her charity work that their 18-year-old daughter Louise was dying of cancer.

After comforting the girl with calls and bedside visits until her death in 1992, Diana dropped in on the parents and confided, in tears, that her marriage was falling apart, Woolcock said.

"Judy and I simply couldn't believe that here was the future queen confiding in us," he told the newspaper. "She spoke to us with such honesty and compassion. That visit made us feel that life was probably still worth living after our terrible loss." Other



A young girl sits proudly on the princess's knee at a cancer hospital in Pakistan this year. (AP)

Britons aided by Diana said in interviews that they, too, felt her all the more empathetic because she did not hide the suffering in her own life. "She knows that homelessness can happen to anyone," George said. "In a sense at some point she must have felt homeless herself."

Among the mourners at Kensington

Palace this week was Danielle Stephenson, eight, whom the princess had visited five times after the girl had heart surgery at London's Royal Brompton Hospital in May. Diana had also given the child her direct phone number at the palace and taken her calls.

"She gave our patients what none of



Diana, in protective clothing, tours a minefield in Angola. (AP)

us was able to give — this magic," said hospital spokeswoman Averil Slade. "She came here as often as three times a week. She'd bounce in unannounced, in jeans and trainers, sit on people's beds and talk for hours."

Another mourner was Vincent Seabrook, 27, who showed up at the palace with a memorial plaque tracing his bond with Diana in verse. Seabrook was homeless and shivering in a doorway four years ago, he recounted, when Diana stopped to give him food and the phone number of Centrepoint. The two kept in touch, the charity gave him shelter and he later found work as a security guard. (Los Angeles Times)

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# The Middle East on the Hill

## Here's what Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Jordan can look forward to as the US Congress goes back to work after the summer break. Hillel Kuttler reports from Washington

The Senate and House returned to work Tuesday in the hope of tackling their agenda quickly so that the first session of the 105th Congress concludes by early November, in time for yet another break.

A number of key bills remained uncompleted prior to the summer recess and must be voted on. Here is a look at what Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Jordan, among others, have to look forward to in the coming months:

**The Martin Indyk Hearing:** Indyk, who is concluding his ambassadorship in Tel Aviv, will this month come before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that will consider his nomination as assistant secretary of state for Near East Affairs. The Zionist Organization of America has waged an anti-Indyk campaign on Capitol Hill, urging committee members to consider what the group calls Indyk's "meddling" in Israeli politics during the 1996 campaign and his criticism of Israeli peace policies.

A date for the hearing has not yet been set, but it is clear that Indyk is not in for a free ride. In early August, Senators Jon Kyl, a Republican, and Joseph Lieberman, a Democrat, urged committee chairman Jesse Helms to grill Indyk on why the administration isn't taking steps to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem, as mandated by a 1995 law. While the two do not sit on the committee, they were

the first voices of discontent registered on Capitol Hill in advance of the hearing. Kyl, in fact, recently wrote to a constituent to say that his vote on Indyk "will hinge on his support for" four provisions of the State Department authorization bill that recognize Israel's sovereignty in Jerusalem (see below), and on Indyk's "commitment to enforcing" the 1995 legislation. Helms wrote back to Kyl, promising that Indyk will be "pressed hard on the question of the status of Jerusalem." He also urged Kyl and Lieberman to submit additional questions for the record, which the nominee normally responds to in writing after the hearing.

In his February 1993 hearing to become ambassador, Indyk told a subcommittee that moving the embassy "would explode" the peace process and put the US "out of business as a facilitator" for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. He can be expected to continue in that vein when he testifies this time.

Edward Walker's hearing to replace Indyk in Israel is bound to be a walk in the park by comparison.

**The Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPFA):** While Congress was away, MEPFA expired for good - this, after the administration reversed course several times on what to do about the law that waives prohibitions on US dealings with the PLO.

While the only immediate consequence of the law's lapse was the closing of the PLO's Washington office, it is in the administration's interest to resuscitate the legislation. Congress, long a foe of the PLO, is content to wait it out and see what the administration's new game plan is. It is likely to be open to a fair replacement for MEPFA should the upcoming visit of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright prove reassuring, a Congressional source said last week.

But if Congress perceives that PA president Yasser Arafat continues to betray the Oslo Accords, then not only will the minuscule amount of the US's direct financial assistance to the PA be affected, but the nearly \$100 million in US aid for Palestinian infrastructure and humanitarian projects could be

at risk, too. Even with senators and members of the House on vacation, "rumblings about cutting off the aid" were heard from some of their advisers following Arafat's recent embrace of Hamas leadership in Gaza, according to a pro-Israel lobbyist. Those misgivings are likely to intensify in the aftermath of yesterday's terrorist bombings in Jerusalem.

"Unless [Albright] can get something real from Arafat on the security and terrorism front, MEPFA is a dead issue. If Arafat doesn't deliver on security, there's nothing to talk about," the lobbyist said. "And I'd go beyond that - the aid could be affected. It goes into dangerous territory, into whether aid could be given at all. It's gone well beyond MEPFA."

**Foreign aid:** The House is slated to vote soon on the foreign operations bill, after which it goes to the House-Senate conference to merge the two chambers' bills.

Israel, Egypt - and the cause of foreign aid in general - stand to benefit no matter whether what emerges is the Senate version, the House version, or

something in between. That is because for the first time since the 1994 Republican takeover, the US's overall foreign aid budget is not on the chopping block. The House bill contains \$12.2 billion, the same as last year, and the Senate version is actually a billion dollars more than that.

Israel and Egypt will continue receiving their usual \$3 billion and \$2.1 billion, respectively, in annual military and economic assistance.

Jordan stands to receive \$100 million, and perhaps much more, if an amendment sponsored by Senate foreign operations subcommittee chairman Mitch McConnell sticks. In neither bill will Israel and Egypt forfeit the \$50 million each has pledged to divert to Jordan in support of its peacemaking. That will be straightened out by any number of creative bookkeeping options involving Jerusalem, Cairo and Washington.

An important amendment to be finalized by the House-Senate committee would withhold aid to Russia unless the administration certifies Moscow is not selling nuclear technology to Iran.

**PLO-related amendments:** There are several of these. The House bill contains one sponsored by New Jersey Republican James Saxton calling for direct aid to the PA to be withheld for three months unless the president can certify several things, including that the PLO covenant has been changed and that the organization is in the process of bringing to justice five Palestinians involved in the killings of American citizens.

On the Senate side, an amendment authored by Republican Arlen Specter would suspend the PA's aid unless the Justice Department can show that Arafat did not know in advance of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing Specter has made this a pet issue since Deputy Education Minister Wasim Peleed told *The Jerusalem Post* that Israel has information indicating that Arafat was aware of the plot.

**State Department authorization bill:** An amendment co-sponsored by Republicans John Ashcroft in the Senate and Bill McCollum in the House would prohibit any US financial transactions with Syria because of its sponsorship of terrorism. The administration stands squarely against the amendment because it believes it could alienate Damascus.

For Israel, the key items in the bill are four provisions supporting its sovereignty in Jerusalem. They are: listing "Jerusalem, Israel" (rather than the current "Jerusalem") on the US passport of someone born in the city; should they make the request; having the Jerusalem consulate report to the US Embassy in Israel rather than remain unaffiliated with any embassy; listing Jerusalem as Israel's capital on all official documents, and budgeting \$100 million for the embassy to move to Jerusalem.

Both the foreign operations and State Department authorization bills are likely to be held up for some time due to amendments relating to family planning programs advocated by conservative New Jersey congressman Christopher Smith.

### GRAPEVINE

## Berlitz Haifa remembers Diana

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Although Diana Princess of Wales never visited Israel and was not associated with any projects here, her name will be linked with Israel in perpetuity. Joel Leyden, director of Berlitz International's Executive Programs, announced on Wednesday that Berlitz International's new Haifa Center, officially opened on August 31, would be rededicated in Diana's memory "because she was one of the world's greatest communicators, and perished on the day we officially opened." Noting that the Berlitz slogan is "Helping the world communicate," Leyden said: "We don't want anyone to forget what Diana Princess of Wales did for people worldwide."

The center's change of name, proposed by David Lieber, Berlitz Middle East Region general manager and founder (in 1992) of Berlitz Israel, will be coordinated with the British Embassy, the British Foreign Office and the royal family. In accordance with protocol, no arrangements will be finalized until the official mourning period is over, Leyden said.

SINCE the tragic death of Princess Diana, many celebrities have come out sharply against paparazzi photographers who stalk them wherever they go. In Montreal, actor Rod Steiger turned a tribute in his honor into a tribute to Diana and a denunciation of bloodhound photographers.

HEBREW was barely spoken at the wedding of Ya'acov Sherman and Freyda Kaufman at Jerusalem's Ramat Tamir hotel this week. English was the dominant language, followed closely by French. The families of the young couple are friends and neighbors in Telz Stone, which has a large community of former North Americans. The groom is the fourth of Ellyahu (Eliot) and Binyamina Sherman's 10 children, and their first-born son. His six sisters all came dressed in various shades of green. The bride, the first-born and only daughter of Shimon and Rivka Lea Kaufman, formerly of the Bronx, New York, is the youngest of their eight children. The groom's maternal grandmother, 85-year-old Antoinette Feuerwerker, an early haredi feminist who lives in Montreal, was among the numer-

ous guests. Sixty years ago, Feuerwerker earned a law degree in Paris. Her late husband, Rabbi Professor David Feuerwerker, who taught Jewish history at the Sorbonne before moving to Canada, was the first French-speaking member of the Montreal Beit Din. There was a coast-to-coast representation among the Americans in attendance. The groom's father, who hails from California, is the moving force behind a monumental American friendship-for-Israel project being established at Telz Stone with the participation of all 50 states. At one stage, it seemed as if the exquisitely beautiful bride was held aloft on a circular table top, she kept producing white balloons from a huge silver box and releasing them among the merry-makers.

Association at their Ramat Hasharon home. In the end, they decided not to put a fin\* to the upscale get-together, and, for all intents and purposes, everything went swimmingly. None of their guests - including G.G. Studios' general manager Uri Porat and his wife Tripi, Arka managing director Dedi Borowitz and his wife, Tammy Mozes, and journalist and broadcaster Gideon Reicher and his wife Nili - ended up with a bone in their throat or, heaven forbid, something worse.

WHEN they first moved from California to Jerusalem a year and a half ago, retired psychologists Sarel and Jay Cohen knew hardly anyone. Now they know so many people they're in a bind over the guest list for their upcoming party to celebrate 18 months of residency. Their apartment won't hold more than 60 guests, but they've made so many friends that they're afraid anyone they don't invite will be offended.

IT'S that time of year again. People have already started sending out invitations for pre-Rosh Hashana celebrations. The first to hit my desk was from Mozi Wertheim and Victor Medina, respectively chairman of the board and general manager of Mizrahi Bank. They are planning a big shindig around the lake in Hayarkon Park.



Rod Steiger (J.P.P.A.)

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### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS  
1 Forestall an involuntary movement, one with head (10)  
6 Bit of cotton wool was horribly black (4)  
9 It may give the meal a bit of lift (4-6)  
10 Boy to become a singer (4)  
13 Soldier finds nothing in report brought back (7)  
15 Secured mineral supply held by defence ministry (6)  
16 Ocean, boy, is salt (6)  
17 Politician is generous to opponent of tyranny (7,8)  
18 Indian city of very enthusiastic painters (6)  
20 Rely on departure before the conclusion (6)

DOWN  
21 Item of clothing for the Cornish consumer? (7)  
22 Nothing to hold a tack (4)  
25 Making a priest interrupt address by loud noise (10)  
26 Indicate to put name (4)  
27 State of enthusiasm always found in loud sales talk? (5,5)

1 Maid employed partly as assistant (4)  
2 Monument to doctor... (4)  
3 ...timid man, but firm with section of hospital (6)  
4 Dreadful occasion—I helped give lethal exp (8,7)

SOLUTIONS  
Yesterday's Quick Solution  
ACROSS: 1 Shorten, 5 Suite, 8 Extra, 9 Trading, 10 Trawler, 11 Title, 13 Method, 14 Myriad, 17 Night, 19 Playful, 22 Chorale, 23 Audit, 24 Ruse, 25 Hammer.  
DOWN: 1 Swoot, 2 Outcast, 3 Trail, 4 Nature, 5 Swarthy, 6 Idiot, 7 Egghead, 8 Muzzle, 15 Outrage, 16 Infidel, 16 Appar, 18 Gross, 20 Alarm, 21 Later.

### QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS  
7 Single girls (6)  
8 Defeated (6)  
10 Disclosure (7)  
11 Overweight (5)  
12 Flightless South American bird (4)  
13 Cured pork (5)  
17 Alleviate (5)  
18 Skilful (4)  
22 Play (5)  
23 Improve (7)  
24 Weaken (6)  
25 Recess (6)

DOWN  
1 Entreat (7)  
2 Embarrassed (7)  
3 Rot (5)  
4 Pressure spray (7)  
5 Not the same (5)  
6 Enrage (5)  
9 Forced apart (9)  
14 SE European country (7)  
15 Forsake (7)  
16 Adorn with gems (7)  
19 Acknowledge (5)  
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BEING the prime minister's advisor on Diaspora affairs and sitting on the Neeman Committee on Conversion must be very wearying for Bobby Brown, who was one of two speakers at an Etnunah seminar on Israel-Diaspora relations. Brown was so tired that he yawned throughout and didn't once bother to cover his mouth. Could be that in a post-Zionist era, Israel-Diaspora relations are a ho-hum thing.

BROWN's fellow speaker at Etnunah was David Ze'ev, diplo-

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Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv stocks closed lower as investors awaited trading on Wall Street and new economic figures that may indicate whether the Bank of Israel will change interest rates at the end of the month.

Europe

UK shares climbed for a fourth day as a weaker pound offset concern the US employment report, the most closely watched US economic indicator, may show surprising growth and fan talk of higher US interest rates.

STOCKS

Maof 294.76 up 0.81%, Dow Jones 7867 up 27.4, FTSE 4991.3 up 0.29%, Nikkei 18615.06 up 0.64%.

Wall Street

The blue-chip sector struggled, but stocks were mostly higher yesterday in quiet trading before today's key reading on wage inflation. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 27.40 points to 7,867.24, recovering over the final hour from a 76-point deficit.

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Dollar near lows versus mark

The dollar hovered above Wednesday's lows against the mark, undermined by concern the Bundesbank may raise interest rates in the near future.

The dollar was steady at 1.8230 marks from Wednesday's lows of 1.8180 marks. The dollar was also little changed at 120.50 yen from 121 yen at Wednesday.

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than-expected 1 percent in July from and June and 6.4% from a year ago. Economists polled by Bloomberg News expected a monthly rise in German manufacturing orders of 0.5 percent and an annual growth of 5.9%.

Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer revived such concern Wednesday after expressing satisfaction over the mark's rebound and warning that "in the long term" a weak mark would be a burden for Germany and Europe.

Looking ahead, investors are now waiting for US reports, that were slated for release yesterday

Gold steady despite Russian sale

Platinum prices rose and palladium prices were little changed. Russia, the world's largest palladium producer and second largest in platinum output, only resumed shipments of the metals last month after a near seven-month hiatus.

Prices of October Brent crude oil futures were little changed in

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showed an unexpected fall in crude supplies, underpinned by a fall in gasoline supplies. The gasoline decline isn't concerning traders too much, they said. The drop came as drivers filled tanks ahead of the September 1 Labor Day holiday, a weekend that marks the end of the peak demand season. Car use should now start to fall.

US Bonds little changed amid growth concern

US bonds were little changed as investors looked for evidence that the economy can continue to grow at a robust pace without a pickup in inflation.

Prices of October Brent crude oil futures were little changed in

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In a further sign that growth remains strong, orders placed with US factories increased in July to a record level, the Commerce Department said. The 0.2% increase - to a seasonally adjusted \$330 billion - followed a revised 1.7% gain in June. The increase wasn't expected.

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Further left, Meretz MK Ran Cohen charged that "the prime minister is being disingenuous when he shifts the onus for terrorism on the Palestinian Authority. Netanyahu has failed to build up adequate contacts with the PA. He moves against it instead of seeking to cooperate with it."

mission. Albright must now double her efforts to make her visit successful." In a Ma'ariv article to be published today Sarid urges Albright to put pressure on the Netanyahu government to make concessions to Arafat.

fact that the latest terrorist outrage rang the death knell for the Oslo agreements. He ought to discontinue once and for all the sham of negotiating with Arafat and employ the IDF against the terrorist power bases."

The PA has not combated terrorism and that it allows extremist groups to recruit suicide bombers, to arm and field them against Israeli civilians. Arafat's embraces for Hamas leaders is the message which legitimizes and encourages the perpetrators of these outrages."

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# Buckingham Palace extends route for Diana's funeral

By PAUL MYLREA

LONDON (Reuters) — Under pressure to allow more people to pay last respects to Princess Diana, Buckingham Palace has extended the route her coffin will take to the funeral in Westminster Abbey.

Diana's body will now leave the Chapel Royal at St. James's Palace today and stay at Kensington Palace, the former home of the princess, overnight. It will leave there tomorrow morning for the abbey, the palace said.

The decision will more than treble the distance of the funeral procession to around 5.6 kms.

Buckingham Palace said it made the decision out of consideration for public safety.

"We've always tried to consider a way of lengthening the route in such a way that more people would be able to see the procession in safety," a spokesman said.

But criticism of the royal family mounted, with television news bulletins questioning why Diana's former husband, Prince Charles, and mother-in-law, Queen Elizabeth, had not immediately flown from their Scottish country estate to be beside the body.

The public's view, said Channel Four's Jon Snow, was that it appeared "the House of Windsor does not share the outpouring of love and affection seen on the streets of London for the 'people's princess'."

Criticism has focused on the fact that neither Charles nor the queen have personally delivered the statements about Diana's death.

Friends of the royal family sprang to their defense.

Ronald Allison, a former press spokesman for the family, told Channel Four: "They are as grief-stricken and full of sorrow as anyone could be."

But the BBC's royal correspondent, Paul Reynolds, said there was no question the royal family appeared to be bowing to "people power" — the thousands of people who have carpeted the ground outside Kensington Palace with flowers and the national outpouring of grief.

"It is people power against protocol. People power is winning at the moment..." Reynolds said.

"The old ways are not necessarily the best ways and I think that raises all sorts of questions about the future of the monarchy and the style of the monarchy," he said.

Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed for respect for the royal family's grief as they sought to comfort Diana's sons, William and Harry.

In an unprecedented attempt to quell the growing murmurs, Prince Charles's senior press spokeswoman, Sandy Henney, explained on television why the royal family had remained at their Balmoral estate in Scotland.

"At a time when you lose a member of your family I think you want to be alone with the family," she said.

Buckingham Palace said Charles, William and Harry would fly to London today from their estate and go to the Chapel Royal where Diana's body has lain since early Monday.

Queen Elizabeth, her husband Prince Philip and the queen mother will travel by train overnight, arriving in London for the funeral tomorrow morning.

"All the royal family, especially the prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry are taking strength from the overwhelming support of the public who are sharing their tremendous sense of loss and grief," Buckingham Palace said Wednesday.

Paul Condon, the chief of London's police, said several million people were expected in London tomorrow.

Two giant video screens will be erected in the vast open space of Hyde Park to enable another 100,000 people to watch the ceremony.

The somber crowds, joined around the world by billions of television viewers, will dwarf the happy throngs who greeted Lady Diana Spencer's fairy tale 1981 marriage to Charles, an ill-starred union that ended in acrimonious divorce a year ago.

After the funeral, more crowds are expected to line the cortege route to Diana's final resting place alongside 20 generations of forebears at the Spencer family estate in central England.

In the capital, tens of thousands have queued around the clock to sign books of condolence. Royal officials first put out five books in a hall at St. James's Palace, but later had to increase the number to 43.

The princess was killed with her millionaire companion Dodi Fayed early on Sunday in Paris when their Mercedes limousine crashed at high speed as they tried to elude



A London policeman looks on yesterday as a woman adds to a mountain of flowers placed outside Kensington Palace where thousands of mourners have gathered all week to pay respects to Princess Diana.

paparazzi photographers on motorcycles.

Seven photographers being investigated for manslaughter deny blame for her death.

Some said that the driver, Henri Paul, racing at high speed despite being well over France's drunk-driving limit, had shaken off the pursuers before he crashed.

While the streets of London will be packed to overflowing tomorrow morning, the rest of the country is expected to come to a standstill.

Thousands of shops, banks, cinemas and theaters will be shut and the nation will observe a minute's silence at the end of the funeral service.

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Column One  
**Bells toll for stiff-necked royals**  
 By Thomas O'Dwyer

Crowds queue to sign books of condolence, flags fly at half staff, cathedral services are planned. It's unremarkable news, no more than one would expect for Princess Diana, except for one detail. This is Dublin, capital of republican Ireland.

A special service of remembrance will be held in the capital's St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday — an ecumenical ceremony including all Christians. The president, Mary Robinson, will be there along with members of the government and members of the parliament and senate. The Irish national flag will be lowered across the country during her funeral in London.

It is highly unusual for Ireland to honor foreign personalities in this way. It is hard to convey how unusual it is for the Irish to feel this way about a British royal. It is a measure of Diana's international power. While, like other foreigners, many Irish have a vicarious interest in the "royal soap opera" of their neighbor, they are heartily glad to be rid of royals, especially British ones.

The country once had an ancient system of royalty — a procession of powerful provincial Celtic kings and queens and a nominal High King based at royal Tara. Some Celtic traditionalists in the independence movement had some airy idea of restoring Celtic monarchy but it was a non-starter. Free Ireland was and is fiercely and resolutely republican.

But even in ancient despotic times, foolish indeed was the king or queen who allowed themselves to drift out of touch with the mood of the people. Fairy tales and legends are replete with rulers who were deemed "wicked" just for that sin.

Horsey hunt  
 Britain has a monarchy so stiff they could not bend protocol to fly a flag at half staff over Buckingham Palace when the crowds are clamoring for just such a simple public mark of respect. Perhaps the people should be thankful the snooty mandarins within haven't complained about the mountain of flowers and cards piled at the gates.

The palace dithered over the statements, they dithered over the funeral arrangements. The royals avoided going out to meet their grieving people and that may be the most unforgivable sin of all. It is obvious to the world that the British people are in deep pain over this loss. This is no longer the stiff-upper-lipped nation of imperial days. Diana taught them to love royalty again not for their stuffy old traditions and horsey-hunt eccentricities — but for her warmth, beauty and compassion. It has fallen to Tony Blair to catch and lead the public mood and twist the arms of the palace protocol merchants.

Much has been heard of her sterling work with unfashionable charities. But in more practical patriotic vein she decided to wear only British clothes on her formal appearances. Thus she gave a single-handed boost to reviving the stodgy British fashion industry and all that represented in mundane terms of jobs and exports and national prestige.

This tragedy will prove to be a defining moment for modern Britain — a long-awaited turning point to the future. If the royal family continue to miss the tide of public sentiment tomorrow, when millions take to the streets for the first time since the nation buried Winston Churchill, they may well be left on the shore of the next century as the jetsam of history.

**Stuffy house**  
 The Irish have little but scorn for the stuffy House of Windsor and the principle of (some) inherited power that lives across the water — but that's their British business. The last time flags were flown at half mast for a foreign national was for another British aristocrat — but that was from guilt and shame rather than love. It was in 1979, for Lord Mountbatten, because he was murdered by the IRA while holidaying in Ireland. Before that, it was done for John F. Kennedy — but he was genuine Irish.

The intention of this preamble is not to distract attention from what will be the most astounding outpouring of British grief the world has ever witnessed at tomorrow's funeral. It is intended to shine a light from the side to sharpen those dark shadows gathering around the British royals at home.

This is a most dangerous time for the royal family, sealed away in gloomy old Balmoral Castle in Scotland, now so hopelessly out of touch with Britain that the entire bunch could be preserved in aspic and stood in the British museum.

**It's capital 'D'**  
 If Diana's Grecian tragedy can reduce the Irish to tears, what are we to make of Diana's erstwhile in-laws. The first two stiff official statements they issued about the death managed not even to mention her name. Hey there, palace — it's D-I-a-n-a! Emotionally charged events need, like poetry, to be analyzed in translation.

## Diana's death fuels memorabilia demand

By RICHARD CHANG

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Demand for Princess Diana memorabilia has soared since her fatal car crash, as a public she inspired seeks to own a part of her magic, myth and romance.

The worldwide fascination with the princess made hot properties out of Diana mementos, ranging from gaudy trinkets and souvenirs in London stores to her glamorous gowns sold at a Christie's New York auction in June.

"It has a kind of magical value because it makes you feel you are somehow connected with [the princess]. It's also like touching wood or any other sacred subject," said Ruth Rubinstein, sociology professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

"There's such fantasy and romance associated with her. Somehow people don't want to let loose of it," added Jean Drusedow, director of the Kent State University Museum of Costume and Decorative Arts in Kent, Ohio.

"It's such a relief from a humdrum everyday existence."

Since Diana's death Sunday, London's souvenir shops have been flooded with mourners seeking T-shirts, mugs, spoons, anything to hold on to a piece of her legacy.

While a Diana postcard may cost as little as loose change, prices of limited-edition ceramics commemorating key events in her life are expected to rise sharply.

"I have some real nice pieces of Princess Di. Next week I will take them out and increase their prices by 33 percent," said Ed Sperling, owner of Britaniana Past, a store in Kennebunkport, Maine, that sells royal commemorative items.

Orders to buy the remaining copies of Christie's catalogs for her 79 dresses auctioned in New York to benefit AIDS and cancer patients have soared since her death.

The dresses, which fetched \$3.2 million — far more than they cost — are destined to become even more valuable with time, especially since they are her only personal belongings that the public can buy.

"You touch it and your whole life becomes more meaningful," Rubinstein said. "And because you're supporting AIDS [charities], you can be proud that you purchased it."

While it is still too early to assess the impact of Diana's death on memorabilia prices, dresses of hers bought at Christie's are already being donated to be auctioned off again to benefit her humanitarian causes.

Barbara Jordan, who owns the bridal store Bjoux in Boston, has donated all three dresses she bought for \$100,000.

Prices are almost certainly to be even higher than at Christie's because support for Diana's charities will most likely be stronger.

"Some people wanted to possess part of her clothing, but institutions which wrote large checks were really supporting her charities," said Drusedow, who formerly headed the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Any future auction of Diana's belongings is likely to eclipse even Sotheby's sale of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' possessions last year, which fetched \$34.5 million.

Diana's death had a far greater impact on the world than those of Jackie Onassis and Italian designer Gianni Versace, whose merchandise enjoyed a surge in demand right after his murder.

So much so that Elsa Klensch, editor of "Style" on CNN, declared, "Glamour is dead," since no one of Diana's stature is likely to emerge in this lifetime.

Even then, will demand for a piece of Diana's magic remain high forever?

Or does one's death merely give celebrity a brief boost that is destined to fade with memory?

"Anything goes up after anyone dies because there will be no more. It makes it a limited edition," according to Diane McGee, a vintage clothing dealer and collector in Omaha, Nebraska.

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AGGRESSIVE SWEDEN - Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman in action against Petr Korda of the Czech Republic in New York yesterday. Korda retired during the match after complaining of flu-like symptoms.

# Olympic race far too close to call

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - Obsessive speculation among International Olympic Committee (IOC) members, bidding cities, sports federations and assorted media over the hosts for the 2004 Summer Olympics reached a predictable conclusion yesterday.

As the five candidate cities enter the final straight before Friday's decision, the race was declared to be far too close to call. Spin doctors for each of the five candidates - Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome and Stockholm - have presented with varying degrees of eloquence and conviction arguments they should win the support of the majority of IOC members.

apparent to most impartial observers, are better than they were in the past and will disappear by the year 2004. Hotel beds will appear and if they don't cruise ships will house spectators instead.

In addition, they say, the open campaign in favor of Rome waged by world athletics chief Primo Nebiolo in Athens last month has rebounded

Romans, pre-empting criticism of the city's traffic, have presented a long and detailed submission which they say proved beyond doubt that transport both to and within Italy would be fast and trouble-free.

And Stockholm bid organizers, understandably sensitive after a spate of arson attacks and two bombs this year, say the incidents are not necessarily related and are not part of a concerted terrorism campaign.

## IOC plan no commemoration of 1972 Munich massacre

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - The International Olympic Committee does not plan to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the tragic killing of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics today.

IOC director general Francois Carrard said the IOC did not plan to do anything to honor the dead at its session. By coincidence, the anniversary falls on the day of the IOC vote to decide the venue of the 2004 Summer Games.

"The president paid tribute to the victims at last year's Games in Atlanta," Carrard said. "There are no plans for a commemoration this year."

Instead they have emphasized the support of a group of elite athletes and environmentalists. London book-makers have lifted Cape Town to second in the betting behind Rome, far from a good reason that the South African organizers can discern.

"I don't understand how these things work," one said, before adding with a grin: "But it's not our money."

Channel 1 has announced it will cover the vote live, beginning tonight at 19:30.

The program will also feature highlights of a memorial ceremony for the 11 slain Israeli athletes to be held in Munich today.

But not one has said with any real confidence that their city will win. Greek advocates say Athens will gain a majority of votes because IOC members feel guilty about awarding last year's centennial Games to Atlanta instead of to the country which founded both the ancient and modern Olympics.

Their advocates argue that the problems of transport and pollution, Argentines present the attractions of the most cosmopolitan city in South America, the seductive Latin lifestyle and support from other IOC members in a continent yet to stage the Games.

Cape Town supporters believe they have the support of the African IOC members seeking the Olympics for the first time and say the charisma of president Nelson Mandela will sway the uncommitted.

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - Juan Antonio Samaranch was re-elected as president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for a fourth and final term at the age of 77 yesterday.

The IOC session gave Samaranch the backing to continue in his post until 2001 after a vote by acclamation. No candidate stood against the Spaniard who first took office in 1980 and who would have served as president for 21 years should he complete his last term.

Samaranch was originally due to retire this year under IOC rules preventing members standing for office after the age of 75. He was able to stay in power after his Latin allies forced a vote to raise the IOC age limit in 1995.

He has played a huge role in turning the Olympic

movement into a successful commercial enterprise and earlier this year signed a television deal for more than \$2 billion with the American network NBC for the 2004 and 2008 Summer Games and 2006 Winter Games.

Samaranch, who will be 81 by the time the next election takes place in 2001, has already said that this will be his last period in office and that the 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics will mark his last Games in charge.

He has also said that he would not hesitate to step down at any time if he felt he was not fit enough to continue in office.

In a speech to the session Samaranch asked to finish his final term in 2001 in Moscow where he was first elected in 1980.

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## Samaranch re-elected as IOC president

## Hingis wins in New York, Davenport reaches first Grand Slam semifinal

NEW YORK (AP) - Serve tosses floated like beach balls in the breeze, groundstrokes flew crazily, and napkins scudded across the court. Martina Hingis dealt with it all so effortlessly Wednesday night at the US Open, as if she were riding the whipping wind past a befuddled Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, 6-3, 6-2.

For Lindsay Davenport, it took much more of a struggle to tame her game during the blustery afternoon and get past Jana Novotna, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), to earn her first semifinal berth in a Grand Slam tournament.

Sanchez Vicario couldn't agree more, seeing in Hingis a player who has confidence on every shot. "Everything for her is working really well," said Sanchez Vicario, the 1994 US Open champion. "Every time she needs a shot, she hits a line."

## Sweden won't protest rescheduled Scotland match

SWEDEN (Reuters) - Swedish officials said yesterday they did not protest against a rescheduled match between the two nations on Sunday.

## Mac. Haifa v. Hap. TA highlight of weekend soccer

THE game was rescheduled because of the funeral tomorrow of Diana, Princess of Wales.

## Red Sox lose despite one-hitter

MONTREAL (AP) - Aaron Sele and Tom Gordon combined on a one-hitter but lost on Mike Lansing's third-inning homer as the Expos beat the Boston Red Sox, 1-0 on Wednesday.

## Injured Sheringham out of England World Cup match

LONDON (Reuters) - England striker Teddy Sheringham was ruled out of his country's World Cup qualifier against Moldova next week after doctors said yesterday he had two cracked ribs.

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## Wild Card Standings

American League: New York 79, Anaheim 74, Milwaukee 70. National League: Florida 78, New York 76, San Francisco 76.

## Seve: My Ryder 12 stronger than 1987

CRANS SUR SIERRE, Switzerland (Reuters) - European Ryder Cup captain Seve Ballesteros named Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik as his wild cards yesterday and claimed his team for the September 26-28 match against the US was stronger than the victorious squad of 1987.

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## Maradona positive in second dope test

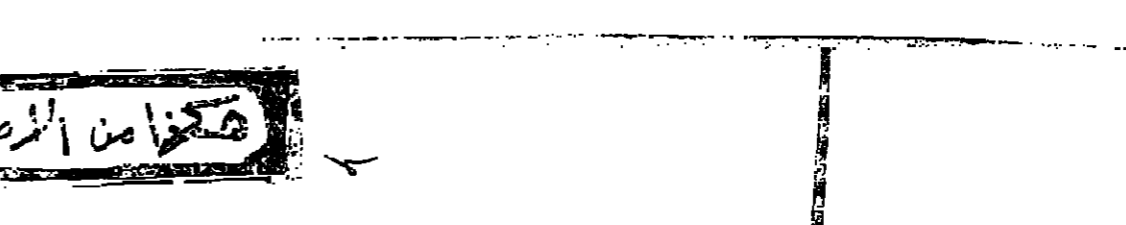
BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - A second test Wednesday confirmed that Diego Maradona's urine sample tested positive for forbidden substances after the first leg match of the season last week.

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Peace Notebook Children from Kibbutz Mevo Hama yesterday present Education Minister Zevulun Hammer with a meter-long 'Peace Notebook,' in which they collected 10,000 signatures from children all over the country. (Byran McBarney)

# Bakshi-Doron backs Neeman reform plans

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron yesterday came out in support of Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's plan to reform the operations of the religious councils and subsidies for yeshiva students.

However, he stressed that he was not relating to the specifics of Neeman's proposals, but to his intention to tackle issues that need to be dealt with. He said that there is nothing in Halacha that necessitates the formation of religious councils, adding that the fact that their members are political appointees is disturbing to the rabbinate.

He also said that there are yeshiva students who were forced into full-time study and whose presence there is difficult both for their own and the yeshiva. He said he related positively to an effort to solve this problem.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu noted that, in addition to Bakshi-Doron, Neeman's plan has the support of other yeshiva heads and rabbis.

Speaking to a gathering of mayors in Bat Yam, Netanyahu

**WEATHER**

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. An additional rise in temperatures. Shabbat: No change.

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Berlin	15	18	cloudy
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Frankfurt	15	19	cloudy
Geneva	15	19	cloudy
Helsinki	05	11	cloudy
Hong Kong	26	29	cloudy
Jakarta	24	29	cloudy
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Los Angeles	23	27	clear
Madrid	16	18	clear
Moscow	05	11	cloudy
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New York	13	16	cloudy
Paris	10	14	cloudy
Peking	16	19	cloudy
Rome	16	19	cloudy
Stockholm	11	14	cloudy
Sydney	16	19	cloudy
Tel Aviv	22	27	cloudy
Tokyo	16	19	cloudy
Vancouver	10	14	clear
Zurich	16	18	cloudy

# Israel won't ratify chemical weapons pact

GENEVA (Reuters) - Israel cannot not ratify a major treaty banning chemical weapons because none of the Arab states it suspects of stockpiling them has even gone so far as to sign the pact, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur, told the UN-backed Conference on Disarmament yesterday.

But Bentsur reiterated that Israel is not ready to sign the global nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as it does not find the 1970 pact an "adequate response to its own security problems and regional concerns."

# Histadrut suspends sanctions

In the wake of yesterday's bombings, the Histadrut decided yesterday to freeze a wave of work disruptions and sanctions launched in protest against government economic policy.

Until the attacks occurred, some 25,000 workers had staged partial walkouts in 22 workplaces nationwide over the last two days.

Some 4,000 employees in the income and property tax offices also continued a second day of sanctions yesterday in a dispute over wages.

# Israel sends millions of flowers for Diana mourners

Israel has rushed about 5 million extra flowers to Europe this week to help meet a growing demand by British mourners paying respects to the late Princess Diana.

by Dutch markets. "There were many calls from Europe with requests that we send flowers to meet the needs of growing numbers of people who need them for memorial sites and the funeral," Hasid said.

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